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On July 15, 1980, an individual known as [redacted] Officers Service Club, Washington, D.C. (WDC), contacted the Washington Field Office (WFO) regarding an individual known to him as [redacted] who currently resides at the Club. [redacted] believes [redacted] to be D.B. Cooper.

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[redacted] described [redacted] as 45 to 50 years old, 5'11" to 6' tall, medium build, excellent physical condition and until recently wearing a beard. [redacted] advised [redacted] is an avid woodsman and a purported paratrooper. [redacted] keeps to himself and it is unknown where he goes each day, however, it is believed he is unemployed.

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A photograph of several composite drawings was shown to [redacted] and revealed that the basic facial characteristics of [redacted] were likened to those of D.B. Cooper.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] has \$900.00 per month wired to the D.C. National Bank, WDC, to the account of the Officers Service Club, of which \$250.00 is deducted for his rent. The remaining \$650.00 is cashed by [redacted] and given to [redacted].

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[redacted] has indicated that [redacted] is afraid of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and has shown great interest in the recent discovery of \$3,000.00 of the original D.B. Cooper money; found in the State of Washington.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] currently has a female companion living at the Officers Service Club in [redacted] known as [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] has paid her rent for the past two months.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] sits in the lounge each morning and reads a newspaper which he purchases between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. daily.

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Investigation on 7/15/80 at Washington, D.C. File # WFO 164-301-7
by SA [redacted] /lsq Date dictated 7/15/80

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On July 15, 1980, [] supplied two of the newspapers that were known by him to be purchased and read by [].

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The above described newspaper were taken to the FBI Identification Division for Latent Print Examination on July 15, 1980.

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FM SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (164-301) (P)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI PRIORITY 1128A

ATTENTION LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

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UNCLAS

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, AKA D.B. COOPER, CRIME ABOARD
AIRCRAFT, INFORMATION CONCERNING, OO:WASHINGTON FIELD.

REFERENCE WFO TELCALL TO LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION,
8/7/80.

WFO REQUESTS THAT MAJOR CASE PRINTS FOR [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BE COMPARED WITH THE NATIONAL UNIDENTIFIED LATENT
FINGERPRINT FILE AT FBIHQ. [REDACTED] IS IDENTIFIED AS: DATE OF
BIRTH: [REDACTED] PLACE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED] FBI NUMBER
[REDACTED]

INASMUCH AS TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING
OF THIS MATTER IS REQUESTED.

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8/8/80

Date

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FM SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (164-301) (P)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI PRIORITY 11²⁸_A

ATTENTION LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

BT

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, AKA D.B. COOPER, CRIME ABOARD
AIRCRAFT, INFORMATION CONCERNING, OO:WASHINGTON FIELD.

REFERENCE WFO TELCALL TO LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION,
8/7/80.

WFO REQUESTS THAT MAJOR CASE PRINTS FOR [REDACTED]

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BIRTH: [REDACTED] PLACE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED] FBI NUMBER

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of the
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO. 184-301
FBI FILE NO. 164-2111
LATENT CASE NO. A-45410

August 12, 1960

TO: SAC, WFO

RE: UNSUB., AKA
D. B. COOPER;
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE: Airtel 7-15-60
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: WFO
SPECIMENS:

Four sections of newspapers

Copy of fingerprints of [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted]

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This report confirms and supplements the information telephonically furnished on 7-18-60.

No latent prints of value were developed on the newspapers.

The previously reported unidentified latent fingerprints and latent impression (fingerprint or palm print) are not the fingerprints of [redacted]

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No palm prints are contained in the Identification Division files for these individuals.

The specimens are being returned under separate cover. 11-1
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REPORT
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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO. 164-301
FBI FILE NO. 164-2111
LATENT CASE NO. A-45410

August 12, 1980

TO: SAC, WFO

RE: UNSUB., AKA
D. B. COOPER;
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE: Airtel 7-15-80
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: WFO
SPECIMENS: Four sections of newspapers
Copy of fingerprints of [REDACTED]

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This report confirms and supplements the information telephonically furnished on 7-18-80.

No latent prints of value were developed on the newspapers.

The previously reported unidentified latent fingerprints and latent impression (fingerprint or palm print) are not the fingerprints of [REDACTED]

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No palm prints are contained in the Identification Division files for these individuals.

The specimens are being returned under separate cover.
2 - Seattle (164-81)

Specimens destroyed 8/18/80 to negative
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FM SEATTLE (164-31) (P)

TO WASHINGTON FIELD (164-311) ROUTINE

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UNCLAS

UNSUB, AKA D. S. COOPER, CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT.

RE WFO TELETYPE TO SEATTLE, AUGUST 4, 1980.

ON AUGUST 12, 1980, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RAINIER NATIONAL BANK, 501 MAIN STREET, VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, WAS PROVIDED WITH A "CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE RIGHT TO FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT OF 1976", DATED AUGUST 3, 1980; "FORMER WRITTEN REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL RECORDS", DATED AUGUST 6, 1980; AND A COURT ORDER, DATED AUGUST 7, 1980, FROM U. S. MAGISTRATE GILBERT KLEBERG, VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING 90-DAY DELAY IN NOTIFICATION OF [REDACTED] AND PROHIBITING THE BANK FROM DISCLOSURE TO [REDACTED] FOR 90 DAYS. THESE DOCUMENTS PERTAINED TO ACCOUNTS OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PROVIDED RECORDS INDICATING [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, OPENED CHECKING ACCOUNT NUMBER [REDACTED] ON APRIL 6, 1973, BY DEPOSITING A GOVERNMENT CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$542.02. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER WAS LISTED AS [REDACTED] AND OCCUPATION AS [REDACTED]. THE ACCOUNT WAS PLACED IN INACTIVE FILED ON DECEMBER 11, 1973, DUE TO INACTIVITY, WITH A BALANCE OF \$42.31.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT ON OCTOBER 13, 1974, [REDACTED] STARTED SAVING ACCOUNT NUMBER [REDACTED] BY TRANSFERRING THE BALANCE OF \$42.31 FROM THE INACTIVE CHECKING ACCOUNT. ADDRESS WAS LISTED AS C/O [REDACTED] JUNEAU, ALASKA. DOB WAS LISTED AS [REDACTED] MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME AS [REDACTED] OCCUPATION AS [REDACTED] AND LOCAL ADDRESS AS [REDACTED].

RECORDS INDICATE REGULAR MONTHLY DEBITING BY GOVERNMENT CHECKS, STARTING NOVEMBER 2, 1973, WITH \$73.10, AND INCREASED TO \$948.02, AS OF MAY 30, 1980. WITHDRAWALS OF ONE OR MORE PER MONTH HAVE BEEN MADE BY WIRE TRANSFER, RANGING FROM \$14.00 TO \$1,303.06. [REDACTED] IS CHECKING MICROFILM RECORDS IN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY GOVERNMENT CHECKS RECEIVED FOR DEPOSIT.

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[REDACTED] RAINTER BANK, VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, ADVISED SHE HAS HANDLED MOST OF THE CASH TRANSFERS FOR [REDACTED] AND RECOGNIZES HIS VOICE WHEN HE CALLED ON THE PHONE. THE FIRST TRANSFERS IN 1976, WERE TO A BANK IN ALASKA (NAME UNRECALLED) AND THEN LATER, TO THE D. C. NATIONAL BANK, 1921 K STREET NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, D. C., ATTENTION [REDACTED] AND DEPOSITED TO THE ACCOUNT OF [REDACTED] NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAID THE LAST TRANSFER WAS FOR \$36,000 ON AUGUST 4, 1980, AND THIS TIME [REDACTED] SAID HE WANTED HIS SAVINGS ACCOUNT REDUCED TO A \$5,000 BALANCE AND THE MONEY CASHED TO THE D. C. NATIONAL BANK FOR HIM TO PICK UP UPON PRESENTATION OF PROPER IDENTIFICATION.

SEATTLE AT VANCOUVER WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY THE GOVERNMENT CHECKS USED FOR DEPOSIT.

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TO WASHINGTON FIELD (164-31) ROUTINE

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UNSUB, AKA D. S. COOPER, CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT.

RE WFO TELETYPE TO SEATTLE, AUGUST 4, 1978.

ON AUGUST 13, 1978, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RAINIER NATIONAL BANK, 301 MAIN STREET, VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, WAS PROVIDED WITH A "CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE RIGHT TO FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT OF 1977", DATED AUGUST 1, 1978; "FORMER WRITTEN REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL RECORDS", DATED AUGUST 6, 1978; AND A COURT ORDER, DATED AUGUST 3, 1978, FROM U. S. MAGISTRATE GILBERT KLEPENG, VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING 30-DAY DELAY IN DISCLOSURE OF [REDACTED] AND PROHIBITING THE BANK FROM DISCLOSURE TO [REDACTED] FOR 30 DAYS. THESE DOCUMENTS PERTAINED TO ACCOUNTS OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PROVIDED RECORDS INDICATIVE [REDACTED]

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Date 3/15/80

FM: WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE (164-301) (P)

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS

PRIORITY *5-93*

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U N C L A S

UNSUB: ALSO KNOWN AS D. B. COOPER, CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT;
INFORMATION CONCERNING (OO:WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE).

RE WFO TELCALL TO ST. LOUIS, AUGUST 14, 1980.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE INVESTIGATION INDICATES A

[] DATE OF BIRTH [] PLACE
OF BIRTH [] MAY BE IDENTICAL TO CAPTIONED
UNSUB.

[] IS PRESENTLY LIVING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE HAS
\$900 OR MORE WIRED TO HIM EACH MONTH FROM A VANCOUVER, WASH-
INGTON BANK.

INVESTIGATION AT VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON CONJECTURES THAT
THE SOURCE OF [] INCOME IS MILITARY RETIREMENT. FEDERAL
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION RECORDS INDICATE [] ENLISTED IN
THE UNITED STATES ARMY AS A [] [] IN [] HE WAS

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COMMISSIONED [REDACTED] AFTER COMPLETING PILOT TRAINING. IN [REDACTED] SPENT TEN MONTHS OVERSEAS AS A PILOT.

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[REDACTED] WAS DISCHARGED. [REDACTED] GRADUATED FROM [REDACTED]

RECORDS INDICATE [REDACTED] ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AS [REDACTED]

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AND AVS NUMBER AS [REDACTED] FBI NUMBER IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED IN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CALIFORNIA AND WAS SENTENCED TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS AGAIN ARRESTED [REDACTED] TO THE CAP-

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TIONED HIJACKING IN SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA FOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EFFECTIVELY VANISHED AFTER HIS ARREST [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND DID NOT SURFACE AGAIN UNTIL [REDACTED] WHEN

HE WAS ARRESTED FOR [REDACTED] WASHINGTON, D.C.

[REDACTED] IS ATTEMPTING TO SECURE A PASSPORT VIA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TO DEPART THE UNITED STATES FOR EUROPE.

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LEAD; ST LOUIS. AT FEDERAL RECORD CENTER. WILL LOCATE
MILITARY RECORDS FOR [REDACTED] AND DETERMINE IF

[REDACTED] RECEIVED ANY INCOME FROM ANY UNITED STATES MILITARY
SERVICE.

IN AS MUCH AS [REDACTED] IS ATTEMPTING TO DEPART THE UNITED
STATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, EXPEDITIONARY HANDLING OF THIS LEAD
IS REQUESTED.

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Date 8/15/80

FM: WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE (164-301) (P)

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS PRIORITY 593

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U N C L A S

UNSUB: ALSO KNOWN AS D. B. COOPER, CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT;
INFORMATION CONCERNING (OO:WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE).

RE WFO TELCALL TO ST. LOUIS, AUGUST 14, 1980.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE INVESTIGATION INDICATES A

[REDACTED] DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED] PLACE
OF BIRTH [REDACTED] MAY BE IDENTICAL TO CAPTIONED
UNSUB.

[REDACTED] IS PRESENTLY LIVING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE HAS
\$900 OR MORE WIRED TO HIM EACH MONTH FROM A VANCOUVER, WASH-
INGTON BANK.

INVESTIGATION AT VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON CONJECTURES THAT
THE SOURCE OF [REDACTED] INCOME IS MILITARY RETIREMENT. FEDERAL
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION RECORDS INDICATE [REDACTED] ENLISTED IN
THE UNITED STATES ARMY AS A [REDACTED] IN [REDACTED] HE WAS

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FM FBI WASHINGTON FIELD (164-301) (P) (SQ C-4)

TO DIRECTOR FBI IMMEDIATE *50p*

ATTENTION PERSONAL CRIMES UNIT
FBI SEATTLE *myg 6p*
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NORJAK, CAA, (OO:SEATTLE)

RE BUREAU TEL AUGUST 22, 1980.

WASHINGTON FIELD INVESTIGATION INTO THIS MATTER ON
JUNE 26, 1980 BASED ON TELEPHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] OF A TRANSIENT TYPE TEMPORARY HOUSING FACILITY
IN WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC). ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] A RESIDENT
IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED] COULD POSSIBLY BE D. B. COOPER,
THE UNSUB IN CAPTIONED HIJACKING. [REDACTED] VIEWED COMPOSITE
DRAWING OF UNSUB, D. B. COOPER, AND STATED BASIC FACIAL
CHARACTERISTICS ARE SIMILAR.

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SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION DETERMINED [REDACTED] IS
IDENTICAL TO HOLDER OF FBI NUMBER [REDACTED] A WHITE FEMALE *myg*

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BORN [REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED IN [REDACTED] AT
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA FOR BANK ROBBERY AND RECEIVED [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AGAIN ARRESTED IN SACRAMENTO,
CALIFORNIA, [REDACTED] PRIOR TO CAPTIONED HIJACKING, ON
CHARGE OF [REDACTED] THIS CHARGE

[REDACTED]
EFFECTIVELY VANISHED AFTER HIS ARREST [REDACTED] AND
WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN UNTIL [REDACTED] WHEN HE WAS ARRESTED
ON [REDACTED] WDC.

[REDACTED] SUPRA, BELIEVE^E THAT [REDACTED] AND UNSUB,
D. B. COOPER ARE ONE IN THE SAME BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. [REDACTED] CAUSES \$900.00 TO BE WIRED FROM A VANCOUVER,
WASHINGTON BANK TO A WDC BANK, MONTHLY.

2. [REDACTED] HAS EXPRESSED TO HIM A FEAR OF THE FBI SINCE
RECENT MEDIA REPORTS THAT MONEY CONNECTED TO THIS HIJACKING
WAS RECOVERED IN THE MOUNTAINS IN WASHINGTON STATE.

3. [REDACTED] BELIEVED TO BE FORMER ARMY PILOT, PARATROOPER
WITH AND PURPORTED "OUTDOOR" EXPERTISE.

4. [REDACTED] AGE AND PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS COMPATIBLE
WITH ARTIST CONCEPTION DRAWING.

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FINGERPRINTS OF [] NOT IDENTICAL TO THE UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS ON FILE IN THIS CASE.

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INVESTIGATION BY THE SEATTLE FBI OFFICE HAS DETERMINED MONEY WIRED BY [] TO WDC ORIGINATES FROM A SAVINGS ACCOUNT WITH REGULAR MONTHLY DEPOSITS BY U.S. GOVERNMENT CHECKS STARTING NOVEMBER, 1976 AT \$730.00 AND INCREASING TO \$945.00 AS OF MAY 30, 1980. ON AUGUST 4, 1980, [] ORDERED HIS SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE REDUCED TO \$5.00 BY WIRING \$666.00 TO A WDC BANK. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES TO FURTHER IDENTIFY THE GOVERNMENT CHECKS USED FOR DEPOSIT.

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IT IS NOTED INVESTIGATION HAS DETERMINED [] WAS A COMMISSIONED [] IN U.S. ARMY WITH TEN MONTHS OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE AS A PILOT. [] DISCHARGED IN FEBRUARY,

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[] AND GRADUATED FROM [] ON [] RECEIVED A U.S. PASSPORT FOR REPORTED TRAVEL TO THE NETHERLANDS. [] HAS TOLD []

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[] HE WILL BE TRAVELING ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1980 TO LONDON. IN ADDITION, [] HAS TOLD ANOTHER ASSOCIATE HE INTENDS TRAVEL TO PORTUGUAL.

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFERENCE TELETYPE, AS REPORTED BY INTERPOL, IS FACTUALLY INCORRECT. AS A COURTESY GESTURE, WASHINGTON FIELD REPORTED IN SUBSTANCE THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO A INTERPOL REPRESENTATIVE. FOLLOWING THIS, WASHINGTON FIELD CONTACTED LEGAT, LONDON FOR ADVICE AND ~~THEIR~~ ^{WJG} ~~FORWARD~~ ^{FORWARD} ~~ED~~ ^{ED} PHOTO AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION VIA AIRTEL TO FBIHQ FOR DISSEMINATION TO LEGAT, LONDON. ~~FOR~~ ^{WJG}

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH ABOVE TO LEGAT, LONDON. NO INVESTIGATION OR SURVEILLANCE REQUESTED AT THIS TIME. SHOULD SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION REQUIRE OVERSEAS INVESTIGATION, SAME WILL BE REQUESTED THROUGH FBIHQ ONLY.

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Date 8/22/80

FM FBI WASHINGTON FIELD (164-301) (P) (SQ C-4)

TO DIRECTOR FBI IMMEDIATE *50P*

ATTENTION PERSONAL CRIMES UNIT
FBI SEATTLE -- *myg 6P*
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NORJAK, CAA, (OO:SEATTLE)

RE BUREAU TEL AUGUST 22, 1980.

WASHINGTON FIELD INVESTIGATION INTO THIS MATTER ON
JUNE 26, 1980 BASED ON TELEPHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF A TRANSIENT TYPE TEMPORARY HOUSING FACILITY
IN WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC). ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] A RESIDENT
IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED] COULD POSSIBLY BE D. B. COOPER,
THE UNSUB IN CAPTIONED HIJACKING. [REDACTED] VIEWED COMPOSITE
DRAWING OF UNSUB, D. B. COOPER, AND STATED BASIC FACIAL
CHARACTERISTICS ARE SIMILAR.

SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION DETERMINED [REDACTED] IS
IDENTICAL TO HOLDER OF FBI NUMBER [REDACTED] A WHITE FEMALE *myg*

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8/25/80

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (164-301) (P)

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UNSUB, aka

D. B. Cooper

CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT

INFORMATION CONCERNING

(OO:WFO)

ReWFOteletype to Bureau, dated 8/8/80.

WFO investigation indicates a [redacted]
date of birth [redacted] place of birth [redacted]
may be identical to captioned UNSUB.

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[redacted] is presently living in Washington, D. C.
FBI records indicate [redacted] enlisted in the United States
Army as a [redacted] In 1944, he was commissioned
[redacted] and after completing pilot training in
1945, [redacted] spent ten months overseas as a pilot. In
February, [redacted] was discharged. [redacted] graduated
from the [redacted]

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[redacted] was arrested in [redacted]
[redacted] California, and was sentenced to [redacted]

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[redacted] was again arrested [redacted] to
the captioned hijacking in Sacramento, California, for

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[redacted] effectively vanished after his
arrest, [redacted] and did not surface again until
[redacted] when he was arrested for [redacted]
Washington, D. C.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (164-301) (P)

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D. B. Cooper

CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT

INFORMATION CONCERNING

(OO: WFO)

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[redacted] currently has white hair, which he has allowed to grow long.

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Photographs of [redacted] four months prior to the hijacking, November 24, 1971, bear a striking resemblance to the composite drawing supplied by victims, who were aboard the hijacked Boeing 727.

[redacted] is described as 5' 11" to 6' tall, white hair, medium build, and until recently wearing a beard. [redacted] is in excellent physical condition and is an avid woodsman and purported paratrooper.

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[redacted] has applied for a passport for travel to the Netherlands. [redacted] passport was issued [redacted] from Passport Services, 1425 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. [redacted] originally attempted to secure this passport via fraudulent affidavit. Subsequently, [redacted] was instructed to produce further identification before a passport would be issued.

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It is noted that [redacted] worked for Boeing Aircraft as a [redacted] until [redacted]. It is further noted that the Boeing 727 that was used in the hijacking was produced around 1965, and it is believed that [redacted] would have a working knowledge of the airplane and its rear entry/exit capabilities.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are two current photographs of [redacted]

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The Bureau is requested to advise Legat London of the above information and supply London with the enclosed photographs. It is noted that [redacted] tentatively plans travel via Pan Am Airlines from Washington, D. C. to London, England on September 3, 1980.

Legat London should attempt to surveil [redacted] to ascertain information regarding large sums of money in safety deposit boxes and/or large amounts of money in foreign accounts. WFO will monitor reservations at Pan Am Airlines, made under the name [redacted] and advise accordingly.

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To : SAC, WFO (164-301)

Date 8/26/80

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject : UNSUB, aka
D.B. Cooper,
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT;
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(OO:WFO)

On 8/26/80, SA [redacted] telephoned [redacted] representative at the Department of Justice, [redacted] requesting [redacted] to discontinue surveillance of captioned subject as requested by SA [redacted] b6
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[redacted] requested that SA [redacted] advise him in writing the reason for discontinuing fisur for [redacted] policy. b6
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To : SAC, WFO (164-301)

Date

8/26/80

From : SA [redacted]

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of the
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO. 164-301 (P)
FBI FILE NO. 164-2111
LATENT CASE NO. A-45410

August 15, 1980

TO: SAC, WFO

RE: NORJAK

REFERENCE: Telephone call 8/7/80 and teletype 8/8/80
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: WFO
SPECIMENS:

The previously reported latent prints contained in the appropriate sections of the National Unidentified Latent File were compared with the fingerprints and palm prints of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] FBI [REDACTED] but no identifications were effected.

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Date 8/26/80

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI ROUTINE ¹⁰¹ ~~101~~

ATTENTION: PERSONAL CRIMES UNIT

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NORJAK.

REFERENCE WFO TELETYPE, 8/22/80.

INVESTIGATION TO DATE HAS FAILED TO LOCATE ANY AIRLINE
RESERVATION FOR TRAVEL BY [redacted] TO LONDON.
TRAVEL ON 9/3/80, MERELY COMMENTS MADE BY [redacted] TO A
WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC) ACQUAINTANCE AND HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED.

ON 8/26/80, [redacted] REPRESENTATIVE, WDC,
ADVISED OF ABOVE AND REQUESTED TO DISCONTINUE ANY EFFORTS OR
PLANS REGARDING SURVEILLANCE OF [redacted]

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FM SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (164-301)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI ROUTINE

ATTENTION: PERSONAL CRIMES UNIT

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NORJAK.

REFERENCE WFO TELETYPE, 8/22/80.

INVESTIGATION TO DATE HAS FAILED TO LOCATE ANY AIRLINE
RESERVATION FOR TRAVEL BY [REDACTED] TO LONDON.

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PLANS REGARDING SURVEILLANCE OF [REDACTED]

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On August 8, 1980, an individual known as [redacted] Officer's Service Club, Washington, D.C. (WDC), contacted Special Agent (SA) [redacted] telephonically at the Washington Field Office (WFO) regarding an individual known to him as [redacted] who currently resides at the club. [redacted] has supplied information regarding his belief that [redacted] is identical to unsub, aka D.B. COOPER.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] intends to depart the United States as soon as possible to London on Pan American Airlines. He indicated that [redacted] stopped at his apartment and told him that he would be leaving the United States as soon as practically possible.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] reminded him that [redacted] rent is paid until September 15 and that although he is leaving the United States, he is not disappearing from the WDC area.

[redacted] indicated to [redacted] that his present [redacted] will look after his personal effects while he is overseas.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] does not want to handle his financial affairs through the Officer's Service Club in the future, therefore [redacted] asked [redacted] to write a letter indicating that [redacted] had lived at the Officer's Service Club since December, 1979 and established his bonafides as a tenant.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was successful in opening his own savings account at the D.C. National Bank, WDC, and will be able to transfer money via wire on a secure, confidential basis.

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by SA [redacted] smt Date dictated 8/8/80

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TO SEATTLE (164-81)(PRIORITY)

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE (164-301)(PRIORITY)

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KORJAK; CAA - HIJACKING, OO: SEATTLE.

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO SAN FRANCISCO, AUGUST 25, 1989.

ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1989, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA), SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] ACCOUNT NUMBER [REDACTED] IS CURRENTLY RECEIVING [REDACTED] DISABILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$950 PER MONTH. [REDACTED] DISABILITY INCLUDES [REDACTED] AND HE IS CLASSIFIED AS UNEMPLOYABLE BY THE VA.

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VA RECORDS INDICATE [REDACTED] PENSION IS SENT IN CARE OF RAINIER BANK, 801 MAIN STREET, VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON. LEADS. SEATTLE AT VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON. CONTACT SECURITY

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OFFICE, RAICIER BANK TO DETERMINE ADDRESS OR WHEREABOUTS OF

[REDACTED] SUTEL RESULTS TO WASHINGTON FIELD.

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FM SAN FRANCISCO (164-220)(P)(SR,10)

TO SEATTLE (164-81)(PRIORITY)

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE (164-301)(PRIORITY)

BT

UNCLAS

NORJAK; CAA - HIJACKING, OO: SEATTLE.

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO SAN FRANCISCO, AUGUST 25, 1980.

ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1980, [REDACTED]

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VA RECORDS INDICATE [REDACTED] PENSION IS SENT IN CARE OF MAINIER BANK, 821 MAIN STREET, VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON. LEADS. SEATTLE AT VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, CONTACT SECURITY

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On
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Date of transcription 9/15/80

On September 8, 1980, [redacted] representative, telephonically advised Washington Field Office that [redacted] legat information indicated that one [redacted] born [redacted] was aboard an international aircraft that landed in London, England on August 21, 1980. His information further indicated that [redacted] flew from London, England to Rotterdam, but was refused entry because he had no money. [redacted] was forced to return to London however he was also refused entry for the same reason.

[redacted] again tried to enter Rotterdam but was refused entry due to lack of money. He was sent back to London, and eventually sent back to New York, New York on August 22, 1980.

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Date dictated on 9/8/80

at Washington, D.C.

File # WFO 164-30418

by SA [redacted]

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Date dictated 9/8/80 164-81-8534

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On September 8, 1980, [redacted] (Protect)

[redacted] Washington, D.C., telephonically contacted the Washington Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation and related the following:

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was

[redacted] recalled that [redacted] may have traveled [redacted] New York, New York, during the later part of August. He indicated that [redacted] from the New York, New York area during the later part of August. [redacted] believes that [redacted] called his [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] has allowed [redacted] He indicated that he suspects [redacted] [redacted] also indicated that [redacted] told some of the staff employees [redacted] that [redacted] Washington, D.C. [redacted] seriously doubts the validity of [redacted] story.

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by SA [redacted] RFO:jd Date dictated 9/8/80

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[redacted] [redacted]
Dear Sir: [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted]

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Very truly yours,

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September 25, 1980

DB Cooper-18794

Subject file

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October 10, 1980

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: ADM ASAC, WFO (164-301) (P)

UNSUB, aka
D.B. COOPER
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT;
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(OO:WFO)

Re Bureau routing slip dated August 26, 1980.

Enclosed for Seattle are the 20 serials, of
captioned WFO file, consisting of 47 pages.

WFO will monitor [redacted] activities
through his association with D.C. National Bank and handle
accordingly.

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October 10, 1980

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: ADM ASAC, WFO (164-301) (P)

UNSUB, aka
D.B. COOPER
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT;
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81 [redacted])

DATE: 11/25/80

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: Seattle

On 8/13/80 records relating to the account of [redacted] at the Rainier National Bank, Vancouver, Washington, were obtained in response to a formal written request. Prior to this request being delivered to the bank a order authorizing delay in notification of the customer was issued by U.S. Magistrate Gilbert H. Klewano at Vancouver, Washington.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION*Memorandum*

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81 [REDACTED])

DATE: 11/25/80

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: Seattle

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 3/4/80

At approximately 5:30 p.m., on February 11, 1980, [redacted] Vancouver, Washington, telephonically contacted the below listed agent at the Portland FBI Office to advise that he had called 30 minutes earlier and had spoken to a girl in the office and had given her the serial numbers to some \$20 bills that he had found, and asked her to check them to see if they were "hot". [redacted] was advised that the FBI is interested in the money and was asked if it was possible for him to bring the money into the office. He advised that he could and that he would appear at the Portland Office and bring the money at approximately 9:00 a.m. the following day, February 12, 1980.

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At approximately 9:45 a.m., February 12, 1980, [redacted] appeared at the Portland FBI Office with [redacted] at which time he brought with him a small plastic sandwich baggie containing some obviously decomposed \$20 Federal Reserve Notes. Immediate examination of the money disclosed that bills bearing the following serial numbers were contained within the parcel:

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<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
L 30706882 B	1963 A
I 02442844 A	1969
K 03654750 A	1969
I 02591811 A	1969
J 20209868 A	1963 A
L 55376548 B	1963 A
L 20301456 A	1969
L 51236377 B	1963 A
D 27112759 A	1969

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[redacted] related that on Sunday afternoon, February 10, 1980, approximately 3:00 to 3:30 p.m., [redacted]

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He decided [redacted]

this point, [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted]

Investigation on 2/11-12/80 at Portland, Oregon File # PD 164-41 - (C)

by SA [redacted] ckw

Date dictated 2/19/80

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[redacted] As he did so, [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] which was a
[redacted] picked
up the money and they looked at it and determined that it had
once been \$20 bills.

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The money was badly decomposed [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

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They had no idea at this time where the money had come from.

The following day, February 11, 1980, when [redacted] went
to work he told his fellow employees at the U-Cart Manufacturing
Company at 63rd and Andresen, Vancouver, where he is a [redacted]
about the incident. The fellow employees told him of the Northwest
Airlines hijacking that occurred some years ago and is known as
the "D. B. Cooper" case. He then called the Portland FBI Office.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted]
 Vancouver, Washington, appeared at the Portland FBI Office
 with [redacted] at which time she
 furnished the following information:

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[redacted] and other
 [redacted]
 [redacted] on Sunday afternoon, February 10, 1980,
 when their [redacted] found a parcel of decomposed
 \$20 bills [redacted] as he helped [redacted]
 [redacted] was sitting on a blanket not far
 away, and was casually observing when [redacted] discovered the
 money [redacted], all of the [redacted]
 [redacted] looked at it and handled it and they realized it was
 money, but they did not know where it had come from or what
 to do with it.

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[redacted] had learned from fellow employees at
 work about the possibility the money might have come from a
 skyjacking and so he called the Portland FBI Office and checked
 the serial numbers of some of the bills.

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Investigation on 2/12/80 at Portland, Oregon File # PD 164-41-1977

by SA [redacted] :ckw Date dictated 2/19/80 164-81-8540

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[redacted]
 Vancouver, Washington, telephone [redacted] telephonically
 contacted the below listed agent on February 13, 1980, to
 furnish the following information:

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She was present with [redacted]

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[redacted] Washington,
 on Sunday afternoon, February 10, 1980, when the ransom money
 from the "D. B. Cooper" skyjacking case was found. She stated
 that the accounts she had read of the finding of the money in
 the newspapers were slightly inaccurate and she stated that the
 actual finding went as follows:

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[redacted] was asked whether all of the money that
 was found had been turned in, and she asked what if it were not.
 The importance of turning in all of the money was explained to
 her and she stated that if there were any further money, she
 would attempt to obtain it and turn it in.

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On February 14, 1980, [redacted] telephonically
 advised SA [redacted] that she desired to visit the FBI Office
 in Portland and bring in additional bills from the ransom. An
 appointment was made and subsequently [redacted] appeared at
 the Portland FBI Office and handed over an envelope containing
 four more of the bills bearing the following serial numbers:

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SERIAL NUMBER	YEAR
G 03072381 B	1969
L 10919321 A	1969
L 55066857 A	1969
L 32987392 A	1969

Investigation on 2/13-14/80 at Portland, Oregon File # PD 164-41

by SA [redacted] ckw

Date dictated 2/19/80 104-81-8541

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[redacted] stated that to the best of her knowledge, the four above additional bills were the only ransom money that had not previously been turned in to the FBI by the [redacted]. She reiterated at that time, her earlier account of the finding of the money [redacted]
[redacted]

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Date of transcription 2/14/80

[redacted], Portland State University, home address [redacted] home telephone number [redacted] work telephone number [redacted] was interviewed following [redacted] Tena Bar in Vancouver, Washington, where portions of \$20 bills had been found. These \$20 bills were among the money furnished a person identifying himself as D. B. COOPER during a 1971 airplane high-jacking attempt. [redacted] was interviewed by SA [redacted] of the Portland, Oregon, FBI Office.

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[redacted] advised that he found the beach area in the vicinity where the money was found to be in approximately four different layers. These layers consisted of an upper sand layer, a post dredging sand layer, a clay lump (dredge) sand layer, and below that an older sand layer. The upper layer consisted of six inches to eight inches of reworked beach sand and is the sand which contained the fragments and bundles of the recovered money. This sand also contained soda pop cans and other debris, which were not severely damaged or rusted. The post dredging sand contained older soda pop cans, rusted nails and spikes, and other rusted artifacts, which were in a much more deteriorated condition. The clay lump (dredge) sand was a mixture of coarse sand and fragments of organic clay material, ranging from one inch to five inches in size. Based on U.S. Corps of Engineering records which reflect that they dredged the Columbia River at this site in 1974, [redacted] stated this clay layer in all probability, was deposited during that 1974 dredging. The older sands, which were light in color and uniform in texture and which were found below the clay lump sand, were deposited prior to the 1974 dredging.

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[redacted] advised that in the post dredging layer, he found cross bedded coarse and medium sand, which indicated the river and river waves had worked repeatedly on this layer since 1974. The upper six inches to eight inches of reworked beach sand is the active layer which is currently being worked by the water of the Columbia River.

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Based on the condition of the money through observation, [redacted] advised that the money was probably washed into the location where it was found by natural river flow and was probably placed at the location of Tena Bar during the last rise in the Columbia River in the past two or three months.

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Investigation on 2/13/80 at Vancouver, Washington File # PD 164-41

by SA [redacted] ckw Date dictated 2/14/80

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[redacted]
[redacted] Terrebonne, Oregon, furnished the following information:

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] had in the past made out an application for employment with [redacted], who was doing business as [redacted] however, [redacted] advised that [redacted] although contacted several times by [redacted] never went to work for him.

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[redacted] further stated that [redacted] also had some dealings with [redacted] however, [redacted] involvement with [redacted] was merely doing some [redacted] for him. [redacted] stated that she was certain that neither [redacted] would have any information regarding any illegal activities which [redacted] was involved in.

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Investigation on 3/5/80 at Terrebonne, Oregon File # PD 164-41-1517
by SA [redacted] OKW Date dictated 3/6/80

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED]

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

On February 20, 1980, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District,
telephone [REDACTED] was contacted regarding the possibility that
bait money found near the [REDACTED] on February 10,
1980, could have been brought to that area by a river feeding
the Columbia River from the north.

The area believed to be the drop zone of the subject in
1971, is described as that area in the State of Washington
bounded on the north by the Lewis River, the east by the
Clark County-Skamania County line, and the Columbia River.
[REDACTED] advised the only likely river feeding the Columbia
River within the above described drop zone that would be
capable of moving several bundles of money or a package
about 16x16x4 inches to the Columbia River would be the
Washougal River. A logical time, if the money came down the
Washougal, would have been during the December 2, 1977
Washougal flood when parts of the river were approximately
ten feet over the normal winter flood stage.

There are several other streams that feed the
Columbia River upstream from the [REDACTED]
however, due to size, or the degree of slope of the
streams, it is unlikely that a small package would have
made it to the Columbia. It is also unlikely that a
small package would have passed through Lacamas Lake downstream
to the Columbia.

[REDACTED] stated that based on the three feet per second
speed of the Columbia River, if a small package entered the Columbia
River at Washougal, Washington, and floated in the main stream
of the river to the [REDACTED] a distance approximately
thirty miles, it would take 14.7 hours. This is assuming that
the package did not tumble along the bottom of the river or

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted]

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

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AT CORVALLIS, OREGON

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As a graduate student, [redacted] was not required to attend class regularly and it would not be possible to determine if [redacted] was in fact at Corvallis, Oregon, on any specific date, particularly, November 24, 1971. OSU class schedules are kept for only a period of five years, so it is not possible to determine the identity of specific classes taken by a student during 1971.

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Individuals known by [redacted] as a reference include [redacted] who was [redacted] School District No. 9 in Coos Bay, Oregon, and [redacted] School District, Coos Bay, Oregon.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM : *RS/pj* SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
OO: Seattle
Bufile 164-2111

DATE: 12/12/80

Enclosed for Seattle are the following:

Original FD-302's for [redacted]

and

Two copies each of investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted at Portland, Oregon, on 2/20/80 and 6/11/80.

For information of Seattle, all currency recovered in this matter submitted to, processed and returned by the FBI Laboratory, will remain under appropriate custody of Portland Division until such time as deemed otherwise.

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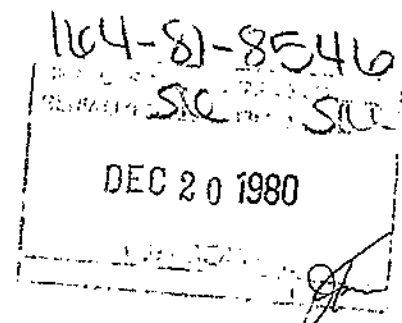
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

DATE: 12/30/80

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
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Attached hereto is a Clark County Sheriff's Department Report prepared by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] This report was received from the Clark County Sheriff's Office, Vancouver, Washington, on December 12, 1980.

A review of this report reveals that a portion of an orange and white parachute was found in the Lewis River between Heisson Bridge and Lucia Falls on December 8, 1980, by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Yacolt, Washington, telephone number [REDACTED]

Inasmuch as the description of the parachute found by [REDACTED] as contained in the attached report does not match the description of the parachutes utilized in captioned matter, it is recommended that no further action be taken concerning this.

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On December 12, 1980, the [REDACTED] family, supra, was advised there was no need for them to hold the parachute remnant for the FBI and they could do with the remnant as they wished.

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[REDACTED] *[Signature]*

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Distribution
Det. Information 1-A3

1. Incident (Lost, Found, Safekeeping, Evidence, Other) Found Property (Parachute Remnant)		2. Classification II		3. Location of Incident (House No., Street Name) Det. Lucia Falls & Heisson Bridge		4. Grid	
5. Premise Description River		6. When reported Dispatched to		7. Time of Occurrence		8. Day of Week	
3. Owner's Name (Last, First, Middle) Unknown		DOB N/A		Sex N/A		10. Owner's Address N/A	
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12. Indicate with proper code in boxes provided, persons relationship to investigation: #1 Reporting Person, #2 Witness, #3 Person with knowledge, #4 Person with knowledge but not interviewed.		Name (Last, First, Middle)		DOB		Sex		Race		Address		Apt. No.		T		Res	
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13. Description of Property: Number each item and designate the quantity and description of property on appropriate lines. If more space is needed, use a second form.		Quantity		Article Type		Brand Name		Model #		Bin #	
		1		Parachute		Unknown		N/A		N/A	
				Serial #		Owner Applied #		Value		Locker #	
				N/A orange & white		N/A		N/A			
				Color, Size, Description, Caliber, Barrel Length, Etc.							
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				Serial #		Owner Applied #		Value		Locker #	
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14. <input type="checkbox"/> Letter Sent <input type="checkbox"/> TT Sent <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Contact		15. If property can be released, indicate under what circumstances	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Date		Time	
16. Property disposition:		Citizen Signature	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hold for Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Hold for Investigation <input type="checkbox"/> Destroy <input type="checkbox"/> Send to Lab <input type="checkbox"/> Other			

17. Narrative:	
The complainant reports he found part of a orange & white parachute yesterday below Lucia Falls, in the river, above Heisson Bridge. He advised he is reporting this as he'd had the thought that it might have belonged to D.B. Cooper. [redacted] is keeping this property in his possession in the event someone feels it is important.	

18. Reporting Officer(s)		Pers. No.		Case Status:		Reviewed by:		Date	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Cleared <input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referred					
				<input type="checkbox"/> Suspended <input type="checkbox"/> Unfounded <input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional					

PAGE NO. 1 OF 1
INVESTIGATIVE ACTION REPORT
CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT
ENTRY NO. 80-10342
CASE NO. 80-10342

1. Offense/Charge/Incident (From Original) Found Property		2. Classification II		3. Location of Incident (House No. Street Name) Lewis River Between Heisterbr. & Lucia Falls		4. Grid	
5. Victim's Name [Redacted]		6. Victim's Address [Redacted]		7. [Redacted]		b6 b7C	
8. Time occurrence 12 8 80 1200		9. Time this report assigned 12 10 80 0900		10. Time this report due		M O Y T	
11. Solvability factors for investigation from original investigation report				12. Distribution FBI			
13. Narrative: Do not repeat the results of the preliminary investigation. Report all actions taken and all developments in the case since the last report. Describe and record the value of recovered property. List the name, number and description of persons arrested. Explain classification change.							
<p>I contacted [Redacted] at her home. I looked at the [Redacted] remains of an orange & white nylon parachute [Redacted] had found in the river. [Redacted] said she had called the FBI, & they said an agent would come & look at it, because she thinks it could belong to D. H. Cooper.</p> <p>She kept the item in her possession for the FBI. Our report will be forwarded to the Vancouver FBI Agent.</p>							
14. Are all suspects under 18 years old? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No							
15. Property recovered <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				16. Multiple clearance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
17. Related cases:				18. Persons arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
19. Teletype No. <input type="checkbox"/> Sent <input type="checkbox"/> Property Date <input type="checkbox"/> Cancelled <input type="checkbox"/> Suspect Time		20. Additional techwork <input type="checkbox"/> Composite <input type="checkbox"/> Fingerprint <input type="checkbox"/> Polygraph <input type="checkbox"/> Other					
21. Solvability Factors				22. Case status			
Eliminated by investigation				<input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Suspended <input type="checkbox"/> Referred			
Developed by investigation				<input type="checkbox"/> Arrest <input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional <input type="checkbox"/> Unfounded			
Remaining for investigation							
23. Further investigation to be conducted by:				24. Reporting Officer(s) [Redacted]		Pers. No. [Redacted]	
Patrol				[Redacted]		Date Submitted 12-10-80	
Detective				[Redacted]		Date	
Other				[Redacted]			

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION*Memorandum*

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

DATE: 12/30/80

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
OO: SEATTLE

Attached hereto is a Clark County Sheriff's Department Report prepared by [REDACTED]. This report was received from the Clark County Sheriff's Office, Vancouver, Washington, on December 12, 1980.

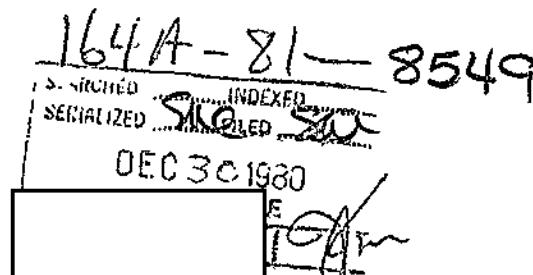
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Inasmuch as the description of the parachute found by [REDACTED] as contained in the attached report does not match the description of the parachutes utilized in captioned matter, it is recommended that no further action be taken concerning this.

On December 12, 1980, the [REDACTED] family, supra, was advised there was no need for them to hold the parachute remnant for the FBI and they could do with the remnant as they wished.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

DATE: 1/8/81

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, SAN ANTONIO (164A-111) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
NORTHEAST AIRLINES
FLIGHT 305
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING
(OO: SEATTLE)

Sub-J.

Re San Antonio letter to Seattle dated 10/15/80.

Enclosed for Seattle is one Texas driver's license photograph of

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On 10/27/80, records of the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), License Issuance and Driver Records Division, Austin, Texas, disclose
Harker Heights, Texas, was issued Texas driver's license on 5/25/78, expiring .

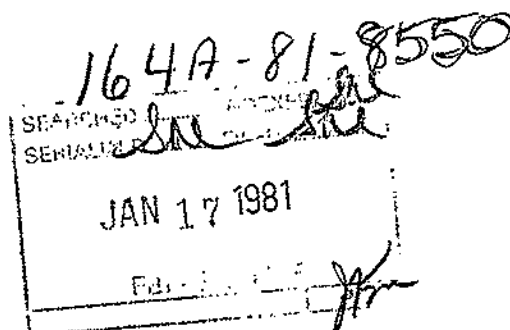
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described as a white male, born blue eyes, brown hair, 5'9", 180 pounds.

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On 1/7/81, Texas DPS - Crime Analysis Services made available Texas driver's license photograph of

2 - Seattle (Enc. 1) *[Signature]*
1 - San Antonio
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TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
☐ Facsimile
☒ AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
☐ UNCLAS E F T O
☐ UNCLAS

Date 1/22/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
 FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164A-50) (RUC)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 CAA-HIJACKING (A)
 OO: SEATTLE

*main file
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Re Sacramento airtel to WFO, dated 8/5/80.

Since there are no outstanding or logical investigation to be conducted in the Sacramento Division, Sacramento is considering this case RUC.

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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164A-50) (RUC)
SUBJECT: NORJAK
CAA-HIJACKING (A)
OO: SEATTLE

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PRECEDENCE:

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☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 3/26/81

TO: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41)
 FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 OO: Seattle

Re Seattle airtel to Portland, 2/11/81; and Portland airtel to Seattle, 3/12/81.

Enclosed for Portland is a photograph of [redacted] (NORJAK suspect) along with six other photographs for use in a photo spread.

LEAD:PORTLAND DIVISION

At Eugene, Oregon

Will contact [redacted]

at [redacted]

[redacted] and show her a photospread which includes [redacted] in order to determine if [redacted] is identical with unknown hijacker, aka Dan Cooper. Furnish results of contact to Seattle and WFO. Return photospread to Seattle.

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2 - WFO (164-301)

2 - Seattle

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Date 3/26/81

TO: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41)
 FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 OO: Seattle

Re Seattle airtel to Portland, 2/11/81; and Portland airtel to Seattle, 3/12/81.

Enclosed for Portland is a photograph of [redacted] (NORJAK suspect) along with six other photographs for use in a photo spread.

LEAD:PORTLAND DIVISION

At Eugene, Oregon

Will contact [redacted]

at [redacted]

[redacted] and show her a photospread which includes [redacted] in order to determine if [redacted] is identical with unknown hijacker, aka Dan Cooper. Furnish results of contact to Seattle and WFO. Return photospread to Seattle.

2 - Portland (Enc. 7)

2 - WFO (164-301)

2 - Seattle

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DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

8/13/80

LEGAT, OTTAWA (164-47) (RUC)

NORJAK (A)
OO: Seattle

ReButel, 6/27/80.

Enclosed for FBIHQ and Seattle is one copy each of

Please note information furnished may not

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This matter considered RUC at Ottawa.

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(2-Seattle) (164-81)
1-Ottawa
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DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

8/13/80

LEGAT, OTTAWA (164-47) (RUC)

NORJAK (A)
OO: Seattle

ReButel, 6/27/80.

Enclosed for FBIHQ and Seattle is one copy each of

Please note information furnished may not

This matter considered RUC at Ottawa.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

4-Bureau (Enc. 2)
(2-Seattle) (164-81)
1-Ottawa
RLM:dlb
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CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 10/24/80

TO: SAC, SEATTLE

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (164A-223) (SQ8) (RUC)

NORJAK
 CCA-HIJACK (A)
 OO: Seattle

Re Baltimore airtel to Seattle dated 8/5/80.

On 10/16/80, [redacted] was telephonically contacted by this office and advised that he could provide no further information concerning the man known to him as [redacted] (The information is contained in the memo of SA [redacted] 5/9/80).

Additionally, [redacted] advised that Automated Handling Systems, Baltimore, Maryland is no longer in business. Attempts to locate records of Automated Handling Systems were negative.

Baltimore conducting no further investigation.

② - Seattle
 1 - Baltimore
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) DATE: 10/15/80

FROM : *hlf* SAC, SAN ANTONIO (164A-111) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
NORTHEAST AIRLINES
FLIGHT 305,
11/24/71
CAA-HIJACKING
(OO: SEATTLE)

On 7/31/80, [redacted] (Protect Identity By Request) advised that she is acquainted with a [redacted] who is [redacted] at the American Technological University (ATU), Killeen, Texas, and is also in the U. S. Air Force assigned to Ft. Hood, Texas. [redacted] advised that she has seen the composite drawing of unsub, aka D. B. Cooper, and she feels that [redacted] resembles this composite drawing.

On 8/15/80, [redacted] ATU, furnished the following information regarding [redacted]

[redacted] graduated from the Northwest State University in Louisiana with an [redacted]. He applied for employment at ATU on [redacted] at which time he listed the following places of assignment:

Current assignment - [redacted] Ft. Hood, Texas, U. S. Air Force
[redacted] - U. S. Air Force fighter pilot assigned to England Air Force Base, Louisiana
[redacted] - Assigned to Vietnam
[redacted] - U. S. Air Force, Norton Air Force Base, California

[redacted]
[redacted] at ATU.

On 9/11/80, [redacted] was interviewed at the [redacted] Ft. Hood, Texas. [redacted] was advised that someone had identified him as a look-alike to the composite of D. B. Cooper, who hijacked Northeast Airlines Flight 305 on 11/24/71.

② - Seattle
2 - St. Louis
2 - San Antonio
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DB Cooper-18839



SA 164A-111

[redacted] advised that to the best of his recollection, on or about 11/24/71, he was stationed in Alexandria, Louisiana, assigned to the [redacted] at England Air Force Base. About 11/24/71, [redacted] recalled that [redacted] at that time, traveled from Dallas, Texas to Denver, Colorado by airline to visit with his parents. [redacted] telephonically contacted [redacted] Colorado Springs, Colorado, telephone [redacted] recalled that [redacted] traveled to Colorado Springs about 11/24/71, and she was able to locate a Braniff plane ticket stub reflecting [redacted] travel to Denver, Colorado from Dallas, Texas on 11/24/71, Braniff Flight 30784, arriving Denver at 10:00 PM.

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[redacted] further advised that he had [redacted] on [redacted]

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The following descriptive data was obtained from observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Alias	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Height	5' 9"
Weight	180 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Occupation	U. S. Air Force since [redacted]
SSAN	[redacted]
Address	[redacted] Harker Heights, Texas
Marital Status	Married on [redacted] [redacted] Waco, Texas)

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It is noted that [redacted] does somewhat resemble the composite drawing of D. B. Cooper, however, there is a considerable difference in the age of [redacted] and estimated age of D. B. Cooper. Due to the discrepancy between [redacted] USAF assignment in 1971 as shown on his ATU application (Norton Air Force Base, California) and his current statement (England Air Force Base, Louisiana), the following leads are being set out:

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SA 164A-111

LEADS

ST. LOUIS

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. Will, at NPRC, review [] USAF records to determine, as nearly as possible, his assignment as of 11/24/71, and whether he was in a leave status during the pertinent period of time. If available, will also obtain service photograph of []

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SEATTLE

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. Will review information contained herein as well as results of St. Louis investigation, and if, in light of previous information developed, a reinterview of [] is desired, ~~and~~ so advise San Antonio.

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SAN ANTONIO

AT AUSTIN, TEXAS. Will obtain drivers license photograph of [] and forward to Seattle.

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11/4/80

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TO: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164A-259)
FROM: SAC, BUTTE (164A-26) (RUC)
SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: Seattle

Re Salt Lake City airtel to Butte, dated 10/30/80,
and Salt Lake City airtel to Butte, dated 6/5/80.

Enclosed for the information of Salt Lake City
are inserts covering investigation conducted by the Butte
Division on 7/11/80 and 8/1/80.

Enclosed for the information of Seattle is one
copy of referenced Salt Lake City airtel to Butte, dated
10/30/80.

Butte Division covered lead set forth in Salt
Lake City airtel, dated 6/5/80, and RUC'd the investigation
to Seattle on 9/3/80. Apparently the Butte Agent handling
this matter did not believe it to be necessary for Salt
Lake City to be advised of the results of investigation
which RUC'd the matter to Seattle.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - Salt Lake City (Enc.2) (AM)
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1 - Butte
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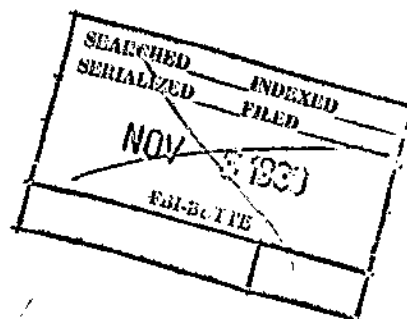
10/30/80

TO: SAC, BUTTE (164-26)
FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164A-259) (P)
SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SE
BUfile 164-2111

Re Salt Lake City airtel to Butte dated 6/5/80.

Butte is requested to expedite coverage of lead set forth in referenced airtel so that this matter can be resolved.

(2 - Butte
2 - Salt Lake City
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DB Cooper-18843

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Date 2/11/81

TO: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

NORJAK

OO: SEATTLE

Reference WFO airtel to Seattle, dated November 17, 1980.

Enclosed for Portland are two copies of above reference.

Also enclosed are three photographs described in the first enclosure.

For the information of Portland, extensive investigation has been conducted by the Washington Field Office regarding [redacted] as a suspect in the D. B. Cooper hijacking matter. In the above mentioned enclosures the Washington Field Office forwarded photographs of [redacted] to the Seattle Division to be shown to [redacted]

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Review of the Seattle files reflect that the [redacted]

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[redacted] Contact with [redacted] Northwest Airlines, Seattle Tacoma International Airport, Seattle, Washington, reflect that [redacted] from the Northwest Airlines during [redacted] had Northwest Airlines files additionally searched regarding [redacted] and the records reflect that she has [redacted] from Northwest Airlines; however, as of [redacted] State of Oregon.

The address of the [redacted]
 [redacted] Eugene, Oregon, [redacted]

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 2 - WFO (164A-301)
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Will contact [redacted]
and show the enclosed photographs of [redacted] for
possible identification and submit results to Seattle and
Washington Field Office.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
From : SAC, CHARLOTTE (164A-219) (RUC)
Subject : NORJAK
CAA - HIJACK

Date 2/27/81

*main file
Sub J. re.*

(OO: SEATTLE)
(BUFILE 164-2111)

For the information of Seattle, on 1/2/81, information was received from a source that [redacted] at Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, N. C., resembles a photograph of D. B. COOPER, recently shown in a newspaper in North Carolina in connection with an article on captioned matter.

A review of the City Directory for Belmont, N. C., on 1/6/81, revealed that [redacted] address was [redacted] Belmont, N. C., and employment listed as "Employee of Belmont Abbey College".

On 1/7/81, contact was made with [redacted] (protect identity), [redacted] for Belmont Abbey College. [redacted] viewed the artist's conception drawings of unsub. after which he stated that [redacted] bears some slight resemblance to the drawings.

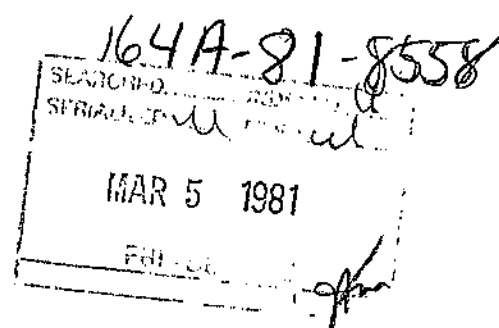
On 1/28/81, [redacted] (protect identity) made available a [redacted] which had a snapshot therein of [redacted] at Belmont Abbey College.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] came to Belmont Abbey in [redacted]. He has a [redacted] from Rider College in [redacted] and an [redacted] from Fairleigh Dickinson University in [redacted].

It was noted that the photograph of [redacted] is similar in appearance to the artist's conception drawing of unsub, except that [redacted] has a receding hairline and is partially bald.

- ② - Seattle
1 - Charlotte

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On 1/29/81, a check of the Police Information Network (PIN) for the State of North Carolina revealed that [redacted] resides at [redacted] Belmont, N. C. His date of birth is listed as [redacted] North Carolina driver's license [redacted] which was issued 7/24/79, to expire [redacted].

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[redacted] had a [redacted] listed to him and his [redacted] Belmont, N. C. and another older vehicle listed to him and his wife at [redacted] Belmont, N. C.

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On 1/29/81, [redacted] Charlotte Credit Bureau, Charlotte, N. C., advised that her records revealed that [redacted] Belmont, N. C., has been in file since 7/16/79. The record revealed that his previous address was [redacted] Northfield, Vermont.

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Charlotte, after review of above information, is not contacting [redacted] due to his position as [redacted] at an institution of higher learning, and due to the fact that he bears only a slight resemblance to unsub.

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Should office of origin desire further inquiry concerning [redacted] it is suggested that leads be set forth in Vermont, his prior address, and also at Fairleigh Dickinson University, in the State of New Jersey, in an attempt to determine his appearance and activities in 1971 at the time captioned crime occurred.

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Date 11/17/80

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
 FROM: SAC, WFO (164-301) (P)

UNSUB, aka
 D. B. COOPER
 Crime aboard Aircraft;
 INFORMATION CONCERNING
 (OO:WFO)

*Subject.*b6
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Re WFO airtel to Seattle dated October 10, 1980.

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Enclosed for Seattle are three photographs. The first photograph is a color artist's conception of D. B. Cooper as described by the crew members aboard the hijacked airplane. Two additional black and white photographs are also enclosed of [redacted]. The first photograph is an arrest photograph taken by the Sacramento, California Police Department on [redacted]. The second photograph is an altered photograph by the FBI Special Projects Unit that depicts [redacted] with the same hair as that shown in the artist's conception. It is noted that [redacted] has changed his features in the past to appear to have a dark and sworthy complexion, in addition to having darker hair, and has been known to wear sunglasses for the purpose of disguising himself further.

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. Will locate the victim airline attendants and show the enclosed photograph of [redacted] for possible identification and submit results to WFO for appropriate action.

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 1-WFO

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DB Cooper-18848

FBI

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☒ Airtel

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☐ Priority
☐ Routine

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Date 3/12/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK
 (OO: Seattle)

Re Seattle airtel to Portland, 2/11/81.

Enclosed for Seattle is one packet of four photographs.

Referenced airtel set out leads for enclosed photographs
 to be shown to [redacted]

Eugene, Oregon.

Portland notes that the photograph of suspect, [redacted]
 [redacted] was not accompanied by appropriate throw-down photo-
 graphs which would be required in the event that [redacted]
 [redacted] makes a positive identification. In view of the
 fact that the photograph of [redacted] has been altered by the special
 projects unit so as to depict [redacted] with the same hair as shown
 in the artist's conception of D.B. COOPER, Portland would have no
 way of independently coming up with additional photographs which
 are similar in appearance so that the photograph of [redacted] is not
 unique.

Prior to the display of any witnesses in this matter,
 an appropriate photo spread should be developed to meet any legal
 challenge to any identifications which might result.

Portland has placed this case in an RUC status.

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 1 - Portland

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

SAC, Little Rock (164A-22) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

NORJAK (A)

OO: SE

TO:

SAC, Seattle (164A-81)

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Re Little Rock letter to Seattle, 3/13/80.

Enclosed with referenced letter were three color photographs and two black and white photographs of an individual identified as [redacted]. These photographs are to be returned to Little Rock for return to [redacted] of the Texarkana, Arkansas, Police Department.

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Seattle is requested to return above photos or advise Little Rock if it is necessary to retain photos longer.

2 - Seattle
1 - Little Rock
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 3/10/79

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NORJAK

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For information purposes, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Yakima, Tacoma, Wash., telephone [REDACTED]
advised that she has seen a man in her neighborhood
recently who looks very much like D.B. COOPER. He drives
a Pickup Truck with WA LIC [REDACTED]

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To : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

Date 3/12/81

From : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164A-73)@C

Subject : NORJAK
PRIORITY A
OO: SEATTLE

Main File
Sub J
Sub A (for photo)
Source:

Re San Francisco letter to Seattle dated 6/27/80.

Enclosed for Seattle are two photographs, one of them being the photograph furnished by [redacted] and the other photograph being the most recent one of [redacted]

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On 10/22/80, [redacted] advised that [redacted] should be considered a suspect in the NORJAK hijacking. [redacted] bases his opinion on the fact that the hijacker is known as D. B. COOPER and that [redacted] is the last of what might be considered the rugged individualists. Further, [redacted] is of the opinion that [redacted] bears a resemblance to the composite picture which was made following the hijacking. [redacted] thought [redacted] was a parachutist and knows him to be a pilot very knowledgeable about aircraft. Further, [redacted] is an outdoorsman and knowledgeable about the wilderness areas both in the United States and Canada. In [redacted]

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[redacted], however, the [redacted] was never completed. Following is a description of [redacted]

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DB Cooper-18853

MP 164A-73

Aliases:

[REDACTED]

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Race: White
Sex: Male
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
Place of Birth: [REDACTED]
Height: 5' 8½"
Weight: 245 pounds
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Black, graying
Social Security Number: [REDACTED]
FBI Number: [REDACTED]
FuBank Number: [REDACTED]
Prior Arrests: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] entered a plea of guilty
to [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] of
[REDACTED] and subsequently failed to
appear. Bench warrant was issued
on [REDACTED]

Hobbies:

[REDACTED]

Furthermore, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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In geologist's opinion 'Cooper' money spent 8

By LESLIE L. ZAITZ
of The Oregonian staff

At least some of the cash from "Dan Cooper's" 1971 escapade has spent much of the past eight years under water and only recently was washed up on the Columbia River bank where it was found Sunday, according to a geologist assisting the FBI.

Leonard Palmer, a Portland State University geologist, reached that conclusion after examining the river bank nine miles northwest of Vancouver, Wash., where a family building a campfire found three packets of badly deteriorated \$20 bills.

The FBI said the money, believed to be several thousand dollars, was part of the \$200,000 ransom paid to a man known only as Dan Cooper. Cooper, popularly known as "D.B. Cooper" because of an erroneous news agency report at the time, received the money after hijacking a Northwest Airlines jetliner after it departed from Portland Nov. 24, 1971.

Palmer's research discounted an initial FBI theory that the cash had been deposited on the river bank during a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers channel dredging operation in 1974. Palmer said there were two other distinct layers of sand and sediment on top of the material dredged from the river.

The money was found in a layer of coarse sand ranging from several inches to 4 feet thick, Palmer said. He said the top layer of sand probably was deposited by wave action caused by passing ships.

Palmer said he believed the money found its way into the water not long after the hijacking, because it would have deteriorated within weeks if left exposed on the surface.

Palmer offered a theory for what happened, based on what little evidence exists and on geological information. It

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1980

years in river

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Date: 2/15/80
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Title: Cooper money spent
8 years in river

Character: AIR PIRACY
or

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Submitting Office:

Seattle

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DB Cooper-18855



Staff photo by KRAIG SCATTARELLA

COOPER'S CASH — Portland State University geologist Leonard Palmer discusses probable history of \$20 bills found Sunday on Vancouver, Wash., beach. The money, part of ransom paid to hijacker "Dan Cooper," washed ashore recently after spending about eight years in water, Palmer says.

begins with Cooper parachuting from the Boeing 727 somewhere over Southwest Washington.

Cooper may have landed in a wilderness alive and then decided to find a stream to follow out of the woods, Palmer speculated. He said the chance that Cooper landed in water was remote.

Once Cooper got to the water, something happened that caused him to become separated from at least part of the money, Palmer continued.

"He would not let go unless he was

in trouble. He had gone through a lot of work to get that money," Palmer said. "But there were plenty of reasons for him to be in trouble."

Whatever the source of the trouble, the money entered the water.

"Up to that point, it's conjecture," Palmer said. "But once we have it in the water, we know what happened to it."

The bills spent the next nine years moving slowly downstream, probably getting caught at spots on the stream bottom, resting there a time and then becoming dislodged by river action.

The bills recovered Sunday were

worn away in a rounding fashion and were matted together — evidence that the money had been in the water most of the time, Palmer explained.

Palmer said he believes the bills probably were washed up on the river bank within the last three to six months. The bills could have been there as long a year if they were well preserved in the water, he added.

The FBI sent the decomposed \$20 bills Wednesday to its Washington, D.C., laboratory.

The FBI ultimately plans to return the money to its proper owner when it determines whether the owner is Northwest Airlines or Royal Globe Insurance Co. of New York, which covered the loss. The airline's offer of a \$25,000 reward for return of the money has expired.

Charles Arnold, a spokesman for the U.S. Treasury Department in Washington, D.C., said the tattered bills would be replaced at face value if they were returned to the Treasury.

Responsibility for the Cooper investigation Thursday was returned to the FBI office in Seattle. Technically, the Seattle field office has been in charge of the hijacking investigation.

Jack Pringle, assistant special agent in charge of the Seattle office, said there was a chance that laboratory tests on the money "could find additional debris that might give us an idea where it may have been."

Preliminary results were not expected until next week.

The FBI has asked the Corps of Engineers to begin assessing streamflows of the Columbia and its tributaries in the Washougal River watershed.

Memorandum

TO : SAC SEATTLE (164 81)

DATE: 12/40/80

FROM : SC FRANCIS E ENTLER

*Sub D*SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: Seattle

On 12/10/80 [redacted]
Yacolt, Washington, tel. [redacted] telephonically advised
that her son had retrieved an "old, shredded military style
parachute, from the Lewis River in southwestern, Washington.
[redacted] speculates that it might be connected with
captioned matter.

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tel. [redacted] Contact [redacted]

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On 12/11/80, this matter was handled by
SA [redacted] VANCOUVER RA. Per information
in 164A-81-sub D, the above parachute does not
meet the description of parachutes utilized by
UNSUB; aka DAN COOPER.

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Daily News
Longview, Wa.

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Cooper mystery clue: Sarsparilla

By Jay McIntosh
The Daily News

Sioux City Sarsparilla, a potent root beerlike beverage in a can with a cowboy on it, is the latest clue in the muddled story of skyjacker D. B. Cooper.

Leonard Palmer, a Portland State University geologist, said today that two cans of the soft drink — along with a Nesbitt's Orange can — were found in the same sandy soil where a boy unearthed part of Cooper's loot last Sunday.

The clue may not mean much to FBI agents, who on Thursday called off their search there for more evidence. But it adds a Maltese Falcon air to the already mysterious story of America's only unsolved skyjacking.

Theories of what happened abound, and Palmer has constructed his own. He thinks Cooper survived his sky jump and was injured. Palmer winds a detective story around what he sees as geologic evidence of how the \$3,000 or so came to be deposited on a Columbia River beach in Washington, three miles northwest of Vancouver.

A "Dan Cooper" parachuted from a 727 jet over Southwest Washington on Thanksgiving Eve 1971. But Palmer said the money was found in soil deposited on the beach after a 1974 dredging. It may have been deposited within the last year, he said.

"Sioux City Sarsparilla was lodged in the same level that the money was found," Palmer said. If the FBI can trace when the pop cans were manufactured, it could provide more evidence of when the money was deposited.

The cash, part of the \$200,000 in \$20 bills that was strapped to Cooper's waist, was found bundled in a bag.

The pop cans and most of the money were found six to eight inches below the surface, but fragments of the money reportedly were as far down as three feet.

Palmer could not explain how the money might have been buried that deep. He said there was "no conclusive evidence" that money was in fact found three feet down, and surmised that it may have been deposited there in digging actions.

Palmer said the money was worn the same way driftwood is worn. And the bills had not decayed as much as they would have if they had been exposed to air, he said.

What that leads us to believe is that the money has been in the water all the time since it has been lost," he said.

Like the FBI searchers, Palmer dismisses the theory that the money may have washed upstream from the Lewis River. Authorities had

Lewis River reservoir, but were rethinking that assumption after the discovery of the money.

Palmer said it looks like Cooper landed in the Washougal River drainage area. But after computing stream surface area, he said it was a 1,000-to-1 shot that the hijacker landed in water.

"It's likely that the guy survived (but was injured), got to a stream and dropped some of the money because he was hurt and couldn't hold onto it. So that leaves him injured and somewhere in the Washougal drainage area nine years ago."

Only educated guesswork is behind the theory, of course. The FBI may or may not search for more evidence, said Jack Pringle, assistant agent in charge of the bureau's Seattle office.

"We'll have to talk to the searchers who were down there and then we'll decide if any further searches will be undertaken," Pringle said this morning.

He didn't mention the Nesbitt's Orange or the Sioux City Sarsparilla. The Daily News managed to trace the sarsparilla to White Rock Products Inc., a soft-drink manufacturer in Brooklyn, N.Y. Company spokesman John Cloney said he didn't think the beverage had ever been distributed on the West Coast north of California.

A woman at the Portland bottler of White Rock beverages said she had "never heard of it."

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[redacted] Eugene, Oregon. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the
interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview and thereafter
furnished the following information:

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individual known as DAN COOPER. [redacted] advised that at that time
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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK
 (OO: Seattle)

Re Seattle airtel to Portland and WFO, 3/26/81.

Enclosed for Seattle is a [redacted] consisting of suspect [redacted] as had been previously furnished by the Seattle Division. Also enclosed for Seattle is the original and two copies of an FD-302 interview with [redacted]. Enclosed for WFO is one copy of FD-302 interview with [redacted].

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Seattle should note that in the event that it is necessary to recontact [redacted] in the future, she is currently a [redacted]

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[redacted] Eugene, Oregon, telephone [redacted] At the time of captioned hijacking [redacted]

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RE:

D. B. Cooper \$200,000 Hi-Jack

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

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To: Director Federal Bureau of Investigations

From: [redacted] Cecil N. J.

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Subject: D. B. Cooper \$200,000 Hi-Jack

Date: April 23, 1981

[redacted] Ft. Lauderdale, Fla [redacted]
resenbles the picture of D.B. Cooper. See Attachment.

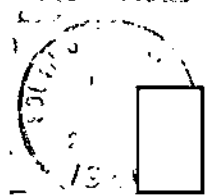
[redacted] and would have
access to hotel uniforms. [redacted] had military training
in the service. He was such a troublemaker his mother was called
in. I was told he presently works for [redacted] in
New York City.

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[redacted] said he had F.B.I. agents on
his payroll. I had the names checked out and I was told they
had all retired.

Respectfully submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE



Director Federal Bureau of Invest.
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TO: SAC, MIAMI
 FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

NORJAK
 CAA-HIJACK (A)
 OO: SEATTLE
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Enclosed are four (4) artist's composites, two (2) black and white, and two (2) color, depicting the NORJAK UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper, D. B. Cooper, with and without glasses.

Also enclosed is a copy of a typed letter, envelope and a wedding party photograph.

THE CRIME

On November 24, 1971, a lone white male boarded Northwest Orient Flight No. 305 at Portland, Oregon. At approximately 3:22 p.m., while the flight was en route to Seattle, Washington, he indicated to the stewardess that his briefcase contained a bomb which would blow up the plane unless his demands were met.

The hijacker demanded \$200,000 and four (4) parachutes in exchange for the safety of the 36 passengers aboard the plane. When the aircraft landed at Seattle, Washington, Northwest Orient Airlines complied with his instructions. After he received the parachutes and the money, the hijacker allowed all passengers and two airline stewardesses to deplane.

He then ordered the remaining crew members into the first-class section of the aircraft and informed them he desired to fly to Mexico City. The hijacker instructed that the plane

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proceed in a southerly direction and fly at a low altitude and slow speed which would enable the rear door of the plane (Boeing 727) to be opened during the flight.

The hijacker apparently bailed out somewhere between Seattle, Washington, and Reno, Nevada, where the plane landed to refuel. It was determined the hijacker, two parachutes and the ransom money had disappeared when the plane was inspected at Reno, Nevada.

Artist conception drawings of the aircraft hijacker were prepared by the FBI Exhibit Section and are considered a reasonable likeness. The black and white composites were prepared initially and sometime later the color composites were prepared to depict the hijacker's complexion and age more graphically.

The hijacker is described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Mid-40's
Height:	5'10" to 6'
Weight:	170 to 180 pounds
Complexion:	Olive, Latin appearance, medium smooth.
Hair:	Dark brown or black, parted on the left, combed back.
Eyes:	Possibly brown; during latter part of flight, the hijacker put on dark wrap-around sunglasses with dark rims.
Voice:	Low, spoke intelligently, no particular accent.
Characteristics:	Smoked Raleigh filters type cigarettes
Wearing Apparel:	Black or brown suit; narrow black tie (clip on type); black rain-type overcoat or dark top coat; dark briefcase or attache case; carried a paper bag - 4 x 12 x 14 inches; brown shoes.
Remarks:	Very polite at all times.

The enclosed letter and photograph were received at the Bureau and forwarded to Seattle, being received at Seattle on May 12, 1981.

The letter is unsigned and has no return address.

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LEADS:

MIAMI DIVISION

At Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Conduct background investigation on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in particular, physical information. Return
the enclosed wedding party photograph.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, LITTLE ROCK (164A-22)

Date June 4, 1981

From : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

Subject : NORJAK (A)
OO: SEATTLE

Reference Little Rock letter to Seattle, dated March 23, 1981.

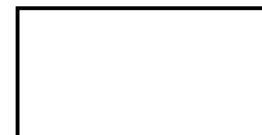
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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

Date 6/5/81

From : SA [redacted]

Subject : NORJAK (A)
OO: SEATTLE

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On April 10, 1981, Sheriff Bill Closner, Skamania County, Stevenson, Washington, provided the following information:

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[redacted] is an individual who used to reside in Skamania County, Washington. [redacted] was a type of a [redacted] who dealt in [redacted] and had, apparently, several "dummy" corporations. [redacted] is a pilot, who, at one time, either had a lear jet or flew a lear jet. Further, [redacted] was knowledgeable parachuting.

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[redacted] leads a "fast life". He split up with his wife approximately four years ago and is residing at an unknown location at this time.

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Closner then provided a Department of Motor Vehicles' print out regarding [redacted] and Xeroxed copies of the Skamania County Sheriff's Office contact record with [redacted] A review of

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these items revealed that [redacted] was a white male, DOB [redacted] according to his records, has brown eyes, is 6'0", and 205 pounds. At one time, he resided at [redacted] Medford, Oregon, telephone [redacted] and at another time, he resided on [redacted] Cook, Washington. His arrest record at Skamania County Sheriff's Office included only [redacted]

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Based on the above, it is suggested that [redacted] be considered a possible suspect in this matter and investigation be conducted to resolve the allegations.

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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

FROM: SAC, WFO (164-301) (RUC)

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Re PORTLAND AIRTEL DATED 4/24/81.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE (WFO) HAS EXHAUSTED ALL LOGICAL INVESTIGATION IN THE WDC AREA CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER AND IS THEREFORE PLACING THIS CASE IN RUC STATUS.

*Steno:
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 corrections. Thank you*

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FROM: SAC, WFO (164-301) (RUC)

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)(P)

Date 7/18/81

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject : NORJAK(A)
OO: Seattle

Re Seattle memo of SA [redacted] 6/5/81.

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On 6/23/81, Sheriff Bill Closner, Skamania County Sheriff's Office, Stevenson, Washington, advised he wished to contact the Stevenson [redacted] who originally provided him with the information concerning [redacted] as a possible suspect in the D.B. Cooper matter. He said the [redacted] was not currently available.

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On 7/6/81, Sheriff Closner, supra, advised he had contacted the [redacted] who indicated he had no objections if the FBI interviewed [redacted] the original source of information in this matter. Sheriff Closner said he would attempt to set up an appointment with [redacted] who was not retired, and then advise the FBI.

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On 7/16/81, Sheriff Closner, supra, stated he had been unable to locate [redacted] in White Salmon, Washington or elsewhere. He said the [redacted] would be willing to the FBI however.

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On 7/16/81, [redacted] Stevenson, Wash., telephone [redacted] voluntarily appeared in the Skamania County Sheriff's Office, Stenvenson, Washington, and provided the following information:

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He heard from [redacted] who is a [redacted] living in the White Salmon area that [redacted] an ex-resident of [redacted] (a rural area of Skamania County, Washington), was taking sky-diving lessons at the Evergreen Landing Strip in Vancouver, Washington shortly before the hi-jacking of an aircraft by D.B. Cooper. He also heard from [redacted] that the night before or the night of the Cooper hi-jacking, [redacted] was supposed to attend a dinner party in [redacted] but called to say he would be unable to attend because he had injured his back sky-diving and was in a hospital.

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name unknown. He further heard from [] that [] had a jet aircraft at Hood River, Oregon and flew back and forth to Longdon, England.

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He has met [] on occasion and has heard that he, [] is now apparently divorced. He has heard that [] is living somewhere in Eastern Oregon while his ex-wife lives in the Portland-Vancouver area.

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The individual who knows [] very well is []

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Another individual knowledgeable of what [] was talking about is [] at SD&S in White Salmon, Washington.

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SEATTLE AT [] (SKAMANIA COUNTY), WASHINGTON

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Contact [] at [] and determine from him characteristics of [] indicative of his habits and behavior so that [] can either be eliminated as a suspect or investigation can continue.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)(P)

Date 7/18/81

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject : NORJAK(A)
OO: Seattle

Re Seattle memo of SA [redacted] 6/5/81.

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On 6/23/81, Sheriff Bill Closner, Skamania County Sheriff's Office, Stevenson, Washington, advised he wished to contact the Stevenson [redacted] who originally provided him with the information concerning [redacted] as a possible suspect in the D.B. Cooper matter. He said the [redacted] was not currently available.

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On 7/6/81, Sheriff Closner, supra, advised he had contacted the [redacted] who indicated he had no objections if the FBI interviewed [redacted] the original source of information in this matter. Sheriff Closner said he would attempt to set up an appointment with [redacted] who was not retired, and then advise the FBI.

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On 7/16/81, Sheriff Closner, supra, stated he had been unable to locate [redacted] in White Salmon, Washington or elsewhere. He said the [redacted] would be willing to the FBI however.

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On 7/16/81, [redacted] Stevenson, Wash., telephone [redacted] voluntarily appeared in the Skamania County Sheriff's Office, Stevenson, Washington, and provided the following information:

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He heard from [redacted] who is a [redacted] living in the White Salmon area that [redacted] an ex-resident of [redacted] (a rural area of Skamania County, Washington), was taking sky-diving lessons at the Evergreen Landing Strip in Vancouver, Washington shortly before the hi-jacking of an aircraft by D.B. Cooper. He also heard from [redacted] that the night before or the night of the Cooper hi-jacking, [redacted] was supposed to attend a dinner party in [redacted] but called to say he would be unable to attend because he had injured his back sky-diving and was in a hospital,

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Date 7/31/81

To: ☐ Director

Att.: _____ FILE# _____

☒ SAC SEATTLE (Title: D.B. COOPER;

☐ ASAC Attn: SA [redacted]

☐ Supv. _____

☐ Agent _____

☐ SSS _____

☐ Rotor # _____

☐ M _____

Room _____

RE: Telcall of Supv. [redacted]

to Supv. [redacted]

☐ Acknowledge ☐ For Information ☐ Return assignment card

☐ Assign ☐ Reassign ☐ Handle ☐ Return file ☐ serial

☐ Bring file ☐ Initial & return _____

☐ Call me ☐ Leads need attention ☐ Return with action taken

☐ Correct ☐ Open case ☐ Return with explanation

☐ Deadline _____ ☐ Prepare lead cards ☐ Search and return

☐ Delinquent ☐ Prepare tickler ☐ See me

☐ Discontinue ☐ Recharge file ☐ serial ☐ Type

☐ Expedite _____

☐ File ☐ Send to _____

Attached is letter discussed in referenced telephone call.

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SAC

ROBERT S. GAST, II

See reverse side

Office PORTLAND DB Cooper-18885

LAW OFFICES

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33 SOUTH FIFTH STREET
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55402
TELEPHONE (612) 333-4911
TELECOPIER (612) 333-4181
TWX 910-575-2737

July 27, 1981

*MEMBER OF TEXAS BAR ONLY
**MEMBER OF GEORGIA BAR ONLY

Mr. Bill Baker
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
P. O. Box 709
Portland, Oregon 97207

Re: D. B. Cooper

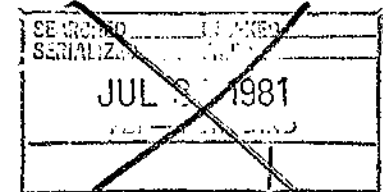
Dear Mr. Baker:

What is the disposition of the funds referred to in our
letter of February 14, 1980 (copy enclosed)?

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SAINT PAUL OFFICE
1210 MINNESOTA BUILDING
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101
TELEPHONE (612) 224-5884

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL OFFICE
SUITE 550
2660 CUMBERLAND PARKWAY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30339
TELEPHONE (404) 434-7100

WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE
SUITE 5700
4000 MACARTHUR BLVD.
NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA 92660
TELEPHONE (714) 851-0291

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL OFFICE
SUITE 695
5001 LOJ FREEWAY
DALLAS, TEXAS 75234
TELEPHONE (214) 580-6754

DB Cooper-18886

February 14, 1980

Mr. Bill Baker
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
P. O. Box 709
Portland, Oregon 97207

Re: D. H. Cooper

Dear Mr. Baker:

We have become aware that some of the money given to D. B. Cooper has been recovered. This letter is to advise you that our client, Globe Indemnity Company, reimbursed Northwest Airlines for the money which was given to D. B. Cooper. It is our opinion, based on the terms of the contract pursuant to which such indemnification was made, that Globe Indemnity is entitled to receive any recovery made until the full amount of indemnification has been repaid.

We would appreciate being kept advised of what recovery is or has been made.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Title]

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DB-Cooper-18887

915 Second Avenue, Rm. 710
Seattle, Washington 98174

August 14, 1981

[Redacted]

Law Offices
33 South Fifth Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

Attention: [Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

In response to your letter of July 27, 1981, to Mr. Bill Baker of the Portland Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, please be advised that the money recovered in connection with this matter is being retained as evidence by the Seattle Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Inasmuch as this investigation is still pending, it is essential that this evidence be retained. At the time this investigation is closed, you will be contacted in regards to the disposition of the money.

Very truly yours,

Allen P. Whitaker
Special Agent in Charge

1 - Addressee
① Seattle (164-81)

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DB Cooper-18888

Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)(P)

Date 8/18/81

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject : NORJAK(A)
OO: Seattle

RE: DR. JAMES A. ROMAN(deceased)

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Sheriff Closner said he was not aware of Roman's description or further identifying data. He said [redacted] a Washington State Welfare [redacted] was friends with the Romans and would be able to provide details concerning Roman and his appearance.

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It is recommended that an investigation be conducted to determine the validity of Sheriff Closner's findings. It is noted [redacted] office is located adjacent to the Vancouver Resident Agency Office and he may be able to provide enough information so as to eliminate Roman as a suspect or cause additional investigation to be conducted.

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C/A [redacted]

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*Assigned to
[redacted]
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Vancouver Id.

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[redacted]
[redacted]

DB Cooper-18889

Memorandum



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OO: Seattle

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VANCOUVER Lt.
TO [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 9/14/81

[redacted] Office of Special Investigations, Region 6 Field Office, Department of Social and Health Services, 500 West Eighth, Vancouver, Washington, provided the following information:

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He is a [redacted] and, as such, did some [redacted] at the time, to Dr. James Roman. Subsequently, Roman [redacted]

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In January or February of 1980, he received a telephone call from [redacted] indicating that she had heard Dr. Roman went to Portland and shot someone. He, [redacted] subsequently determined that Roman had killed his new wife and committed suicide at his home in Washougal, Washington. He, [redacted] went to the Roman home in Washougal, which is located in Skamania County, and secured the home, because he was asked to do so.

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While securing the residence, he conducted a thorough search and found numerous items he felt might be of interest to the FBI. He found a toolbox in the barn, which was dirty and rusty. Underneath numerous tools, he found two timing devices that could be utilized with batteries. He further found, buried in the dirt floor of the barn, a container with a box that said, "Silencer" on it. The box was empty. He found a police scanner in Roman's wife's purse, which had frequencies for the Portland Police Bureau, the Clark County Sheriff's Office and the Skamania County Sheriff's Office. He discovered two lock-picking kits in the residence, along with dynamite, blasting caps and plastic explosives.

Other items he discovered included a Xerox machine, a printing press with many different types of type and numerous documents that appeared to him to be "phony." He felt these documents were not authentic, inasmuch as there were numerous of them, indicating they were such things as college certificates.

He also found a large quantity of camera equipment, including a dark room.

Investigation on 8/26/81 at Vancouver, Washington File # SE 164A-81 - 8577A

SA [redacted] /jh

Date dictated 9/1/81

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He discovered numerous documents from hospitals, alleging Dr. Roman erred in his surgical procedures. One of these documents indicated that Dr. Roman, after performing a kidney operation on a woman, accidentally cut off the woman's breast.

He further found 30 or more apple boxes, containing books, which indicated they had been taken from various libraries. These books had to do with stories on Hitler, medical books, spy stories and other topics.

He has learned that Dr. Roman was apparently the first doctor to become an astronaut and has found documents which indicate Roman was a jet pilot. In amongst the items indicating Roman was in the United States Air Force, were items marked, "Top Secret." These items, he recalls, also had the stamp of "Declassified" on them.

The majority of the items that he found in the home were provided to the lawyer for the estate for subsequent dispersement to the appropriate relatives.

He is bringing this matter to the attention of the FBI, inasmuch as the whole situation appears to be extremely bizarre to him. While he is in no way certain this matter is involved with the D. B. Cooper matter, it is interesting to note that Dr. Roman was a jet pilot, was apparently knowledgeable of airplanes and resided in an area adjacent to the flight path of Cooper's plane.

FBI

TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
☐ Facsimile
☒ AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
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Date 8/21/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
 FROM: SAC, MIAMI (164A-552) (P)
 SUBJECT: NOR JAK;
 CAA-HIJACK
 (A)
 (OO: SEATTLE)

Re Seattle airtel to Miami, 7/10/81.

The suspect: [REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted at Ft.
 Lauderdale, Florida:

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A letter received from an individual referred to as [REDACTED] of Cecil, New Jersey reference a subject of D.B. Cooper \$200,000 hijack dated April 23, 1981. The content of the letter as received by the Seattle Office indicated that [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Ft. Lauderdale, Florida resembles the photograph of D.B. Cooper. The letter further states that [REDACTED] was presently employed for [REDACTED] in New York City. He stated [REDACTED] was probably knowledgeable. The telephone company representatives advised that in the town of Cecil, New Jersey there was no listing for a [REDACTED]. However, within the Cecil Township there was a [REDACTED] Williamstown, New Jersey within Cecil Township having telephone number [REDACTED]. The telephone call said that in the surrounding area of Cecil Township there were 59 individuals with the name of [REDACTED] in that area. There was no listing for a [REDACTED].

The New York Telephone Company representative advised that there was no listing in New York, Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens

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for [REDACTED] The Police Departments in Broward County, Florida had no reference to an [REDACTED]. The Credit Bureau of Greater Miami showed [REDACTED] having a former address of [REDACTED] Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and a current address of [REDACTED] Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. He has been in file since October of 1977. This man is described as follows:

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Race
Date of Birth
Social Security Number

White

It is noticed that the photograph enclosed with the letter from [redacted] contained an inscription Caravel to Tru-Color Studio, 3650 N.W. 6th Place, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

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FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Conduct a background investigation on

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In the absence of any further information concerning background that could be available, the FBI Miami Office at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida will unless advised to the contrary by the Seattle Office interview [redacted] for purpose of elimination.

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9/3/81

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (C-1)
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) (RUC)
SUBJECT: NORJACK
OO: Seattle

Re Los Angeles airtel to Sacramento dated 4/28/81.

On 5/26/81, [redacted] and [redacted] Lone Pine, California, telephone number [redacted] reiterated the information he had earlier provided U.S. Deputy Marshal [redacted] Los Angeles, during a conversation he had with [redacted] several months before. [redacted] stated he believes that [redacted] could be identical to D.B. Cooper due to a newspaper article he observed which detailed captioned incident. [redacted] stated that, to his knowledge, [redacted] has not been observed since approximately 1969, and he feels reasonably certain that [redacted] is responsible for the hijacking based upon the newspaper article.

Although he does not know [redacted] whereabouts, he noted that [redacted] was formerly employed by Ford Motor Corporation Rialto-San Bernardino, California area.

He also advised that [redacted] has been in the Inyo County Jail, Independence, California and the Veterans Administration Office, Independence, has a reference to him.

[redacted] requested [redacted] not be contacted regarding [redacted] this time. On 9/27/81, records at the Bishop, California Police Department and Inyo County Sheriff's Office, Independence, failed to disclose any information identifiable with [redacted]

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SC 164-50

On 8/27/81, it was determined that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and is assigned Veterans Administration (VA) number [REDACTED]. He is receiving disability payments through the VA, apparently on a regular basis although his current whereabouts were not available.

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LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will attempt to determine current information regarding [REDACTED] through the Veterans Administration Office, UAC by Seattle.

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AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON: Based upon the status of current investigation, will consider feasibility of further investigation to develop [REDACTED] as suspect in captioned matter, including arrest checks in San Bernardino, California and the FBI Identification Division.

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Date 9/3/81

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: *SA [redacted]* SAC, LOUISVILLE (164A-NEW) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 OO: SEATTLE

Re Telcall of SA [redacted] Louisville
 Division, and SA [redacted] Seattle Division, 9/3/81.

A source of known reliability advised that he
 [redacted] the Federal Correctional Institute,
 [redacted] (phonetic).
 The source stated that [redacted] and
 believes that he is a pilot and [redacted]
 Source stated that [redacted]
 occasion that he [redacted]
 individual that parachuted out of the airplane in the
 desert with a great deal of money. Source stated that
 [redacted] this individual who parachuted
 after hijacking an airplane used to be involved in flying
 drugs from Mexico to the United States. Source stated
 that [redacted]

Source stated that he believes that [redacted] is now located
 in Minneapolis, Minnesota and is either still in prison
 or out on parole.

On 9/2/81 in order to determine the veracity of
 background information supplied by the source, contact
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 under active supervision after being released on a charge
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 say that he knew that [redacted] has been involved with 8580
 airplanes but could not say positively if [redacted]

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was a licensed pilot. [] stated that [] was formerly associated with an individual known as [] who completely dropped out of sight and has not been seen for a number of years. [] stated that [] was charged along with [] but has never been located to date. No further questions were asked of [] was asked not to mention anything to [] re FBI inquiries.

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It should be noted for office of origin and Minneapolis that the source in this matter has proven his reliability on a number of occasions, most notably in the recovery of [] within the past six months. Two persons were arrested and convicted and are now serving time after the [] Source clarified by saying that obviously he could not say if [] was telling him the truth but did say that []

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MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

1. Will contact [] U.S. Probation Office
FTS Number [] and obtain complete background data
re []

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SEATTLE DIVISION

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Will, after receipt of information from Minneapolis determine if [] should be interviewed. Seattle should note that there would be a possibility that source might be able to again contact []

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164A-81-8580

Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

Date 9/16/81

From : SA [redacted]

Subject : NORJAK (A)
OO: SEATTLE

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Re Seattle memo of SA [redacted] dated 7/18/81.

On August 4, 1981, Sheriff Bill Closner, Skamania County Sheriff's Office, Stevenson, Washington, advised he would be available on August 18, 1981, to contact [redacted] with SA [redacted]

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On August 18, 1981, [redacted] Skamania County, Washington, telephone [redacted] provided the following information:

He knows [redacted] currently, is at the Moss Creek Park campground with his wife. [redacted] lives, however, in Portland, Oregon. [redacted] lives in [redacted] got back with his wife [redacted] approximately five or six months ago.

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He has known [redacted] for approximately 15 years. [redacted] over the years and has been involved with a company called Cascade West or Cascade Development. [redacted] is what he would characterize as a [redacted]

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[redacted] was in paratrooper training somewhere in North Carolina sometime ago. [redacted] does not smoke any cigarettes whatsoever. [redacted] for his age, is in fairly good shape and has made no mention whatsoever of any ear or back injury.

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[redacted] has never made any mention of enjoying parachute training or taking parachute training. In his, [redacted] trips to [redacted] home, he has never seen any parachute paraphernalia in the area.

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[] has had money on and off over the years. On One occasion, he borrowed a quantity of money from an insurance company in Denver and, perhaps, banks in Monmouth, Oregon, and Seattle, Washington. [] supposedly, has purchased [] [] Oregon.

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Further, [] has traveled a great deal and has gone to the Bahamas, as well as to England.

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On September 4, 1981, [] [] Vancouver, Washington, advised there were no sky diving lesson [] and none had been given [] []

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Based on the fact that [] does not smoke cigarettes and other information obtained from this investigation which in no way appears to implicate [] as a suspect in this matter, it is recommended that [] not be considered a suspect and the investigation be terminated concerning him.

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

Date 9/16/81

From : SA [redacted]

Subject : NORJAK (A)
OO: SEATTLE

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Re Seattle memo of SA [redacted] dated 7/18/81.

On August 4, 1981, Sheriff Bill Closner, Skamania County Sheriff's Office, Stevenson, Washington, advised he would be available on August 18, 1981, to contact [redacted] with SA [redacted]

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On August 18, 1981, [redacted] Skamania County, Washington, telephone [redacted], provided the following information:

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He knows [redacted] currently, is at the Moss Creek Park campground with his wife. [redacted] lives, however, in Portland, Oregon. [redacted] lives in [redacted] got back with his wife, [redacted] approximately five or six months ago.

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He has known [redacted] for approximately 15 years. [redacted] over the years and has been involved with a company called Cascade West or Cascade Development. [redacted] is what he would characterize as a [redacted]

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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
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Date 9/17/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-4970) (C-1) (RUC)
SUBJECT: NORJACK
OO: Seattle

Reference Sacramento airtel to Los Angeles dated 9/3/81.


Records, Veteran's Administration Regional Center, 11000 Wishire Boulevard, Los Angeles, as reviewed on 9/16/81, disclosed that [redacted] date of birth [redacted] has a 20 percent Veteran's Administration (VA) disability. [redacted] receives his monthly disability check at [redacted] Port Lavaca, Texas.

No additional investigation remains at Los Angeles therefore this matter is considered RUC.

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Date 9/17/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-4970) (C-1) (RUC)
 SUBJECT: NORJACK
 OO: Seattle

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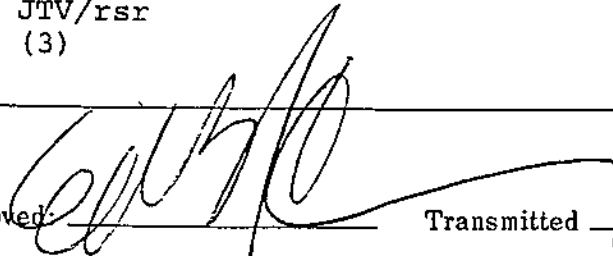
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FM BUTTE (164A-26) (RUC)

TO DIRECTOR (164-2111) (ROUTINE)

SEATTLE (164A-81) (ROUTINE)

BT

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NORJAK. OO: SEATTLE.

RE BUTTE TELCALL OF SA [REDACTED] WITH SUPERVISOR

[REDACTED] SEATTLE DIVISION, SEPTEMBER 23, 1981.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND FOR CONFIRMATION TO
SEATTLE OF REFERENCED TELCALL, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SET
FORTH:

ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1981, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALBERTA,

CANADA, TELEPHONE [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO HAD INFORMATION REGARDING THE D. B. COOPER

CASE IN WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL HIJACKED AN AIRLINER IN THE UNITED

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STATES AND THEN PARACHUTED FROM THE AIRCRAFT.

[REDACTED] TURNED THE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION OVER TO [REDACTED] WHO ADVISED THAT HIS OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS [REDACTED] AND HIS HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER IS [REDACTED] IN THE CITY OF [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT ONE [REDACTED] RESIDES NEAR THE COMMUNITY OF CAROLINE IN ALBERTA, CANADA. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] STATED THAT UNTIL RECENTLY, [REDACTED] HAS BEEN VERY DIFFICULT TO CONVERSE WITH. HE STATED THAT RECENTLY, HOWEVER, HE HAS CAUGHT [REDACTED] IN THE ACT OF [REDACTED] AND SINCE [REDACTED] IS DEPENDENT UPON THE CONTINUATION OF HIS [REDACTED] FOR HIS LIVELIHOOD, HE HAS BECOME SOMEWHAT COOPERATIVE AND CONVERSANT WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THAT D. B. COOPER, WHO PARACHUTED FROM THE HIJACKED AIRPLANE IN THE UNITED STATES, FORMERLY WAS [REDACTED]

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IN THE CAROLINE, ALBERTA, CANADA, AREA. HE STATED THAT WHEN HE STARTED THIS [REDACTED] HE, HIMSELF, PUT UP 60 PERCENT OF THE FINANCING AND THAT [REDACTED] PUT UP THE OTHER 40 PERCENT.

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HE STATED THAT THAT WAS PRIOR TO THE HIJACKING. HE STATED, HOWEVER, THAT SOME OF [REDACTED] ARE STILL RESIDING IN THE AREA AND DO WORK IN THE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DID CONFIRM THAT THERE ARE PERSONS BY THE NAME OF [REDACTED] WHO DO WORK WITH [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] RECENTLY TOLD [REDACTED] THAT HE RECENTLY SAW [REDACTED] NORTH OF CAROLINE, ALBERTA, CANADA, AND HE WAS VERY DEFINITE IT WAS HIM, BUT HE WAS WEARING WHAT APPEARED TO BE A WIG AND FALSE BEARD. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE APPROACHED [REDACTED] BUT THAT [REDACTED] RAN. [REDACTED] HAS TOLD [REDACTED] THAT HE BELIEVED [REDACTED] PROBABLY WOULD CONTINUE TO BE INVOLVED IN [REDACTED] TYPE EMPLOYMENT.

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HE STATED THAT [REDACTED] WAS VERY MUCH FAMILIAR WITH THE BACK COUNTRY AND PACKING AND [REDACTED] AND THAT TYPE OF ACTIVITY.

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[REDACTED] WAS OF THE OPINION THAT [REDACTED] PROBABLY KNOWS THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE PERSON KNOWN TO HIM AS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT THE [REDACTED] HE KNOWS ALWAYS CARRIED A GUN AND HE WOULD ASSUME THAT HE WOULD BE DANGEROUS.

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE IS AWARE THAT SOMEONE HAS MADE

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A DEPOSIT FOR PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY OF [REDACTED] BUT
THAT THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE AN IMMEDIATE SALE AND HE
BELIEVED THAT EVEN IF THE PROPERTY SHOULD BECOME SOLD, [REDACTED]
WOULD PROBABLY CONTINUE TO RESIDE IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE PERIODIC
CONTACTS WITH [REDACTED] FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING GREATER
RAPPORT WITH HIM. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE WOULD NOT SPECIFICALLY
ENGAGE IN CONVERSATION REGARDING [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] ALBERTA,
CANADA, IS APPROXIMATELY [REDACTED] OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA,
AND IT IS A [REDACTED] OF CALGARY, ALBERTA,
CANADA. IT IS [REDACTED] OF RED DEER. HE ADVISED THAT
THERE IS NO COMMERCIAL AIRPORT AT [REDACTED] HOWEVER,
HE STATED THAT THERE IS A GOOD PAVED RUNWAY WHICH WOULD ACCOMMO-
DATE EVEN A FAIR-SIZED TWIN-ENGINE AIRCRAFT IN THE EVENT THAT
INVESTIGATORS MAY WISH TO FLY INTO THE AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF
INTERVIEWING [REDACTED]

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THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISHED THE ABOVE INFORMATION
TO LEGAT, OTTAWA, FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES AT THIS TIME ONLY
AND THAT LEADS IN THIS MATTER ARE BEING LEFT TO THE DISCRETION

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UACB, OR UNLESS ADVISED BY SEATTLE, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION
IN THIS MATTER IS BEING CONDUCTED BY BUTTE.

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RE BUTTE TELCALL OF SA [REDACTED] WITH SUPERVISOR

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND FOR CONFIRMATION TO
SEATTLE OF REFERENCED TELCALL, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SET
FORTH:

ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1981, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ALBERTA,

CANADA, TELEPHONE [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO HAD INFORMATION REGARDING THE D. B. COOPER

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)(P)

Date 9/19/81

From : SA

Subject : NORJAK(A)
OO: Seattle

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RE: Suspect Dr. JAMES A. ROMAN (deceased)

Re Seattle memo of SA [redacted] 8/18/81.

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Information received in referenced memo indicates Dr. James A. Roman, White, Male, DOB 10/9/27, formerly residing at Milepost 0.56R Strunk Road, Washougal, Washington, was a possible suspect in captioned matter.

LEAD

SEATTLE AT OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

Will attempt to obtain driver's license information and photograph of Dr. James A. Roman utilizing the above descriptive information. Will note that Dr. Roman died 2/3/80 and thus may not have a current license on file.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)(P)

Date 9/19/81

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject : NORJAK(A)
OO: Seattle

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)(P)

Date 9/19/81

From : SA

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Subject : NORJAK(A)
OO: Seattle

RE: Suspect Dr. JAMES A. ROMAN (deceased)

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XX AIRTEL

9/18/81

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) (RUC)
SUBJECT: NORJAK ✓
(OO: SEATTLE)

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Reference Louisville Airtel to the Bureau,
9/3/81.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Seattle are two
photographs each of [redacted]

For the information of the Bureau and receiving
offices, just about everything stated about [redacted]
and [redacted] is true, however at some time in the past [redacted]
was considered a suspect in NORJAK and eliminated.

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[redacted] is presently a [redacted]
[redacted] entered a guilty plea on
March 16, 1977 before U.S. Judge MILES W. LORD, Minneapolis,
Minnesota to charges including [redacted]
[redacted] On May 26, 1977 [redacted] failed to appear for
sentencing and [redacted] were added to
his federal violations. [redacted] has been a fugitive ever
since the above date.

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[redacted] is known to have a pilot's license and to be an excellent pilot. [redacted] was also heavily involved in [redacted] [redacted] was also charged along with [redacted] as involved in the same [redacted]

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An extensive fugitive investigation by the FBI, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), U.S. Marshals, U.S. Treasury Agents, Minnesota local law enforcement agencies, [redacted] and Mexican law enforcement authorities has failed to locate [redacted]

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[redacted] is described as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
DOB	[redacted]
POB	[redacted]
Height	5'11"
Weight	190 - 196 pounds
Hair	Brown (greying)
Eyes	Hazel
Facial Hair	Mustache, beard or both, or clean shaven at times
SSAN	[redacted]
FBI #	[redacted]
Last known residence	Willow River, Minnesota

[redacted] is presently on Federal Probation according to U.S. Probation Officer [redacted] Minneapolis, Minnesota, who was interviewed on 9/17/81. [redacted] advised he believes [redacted] is not involved in criminal activity at the present time and is working steadily at [redacted] which is [redacted] Plymouth, Minnesota.

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MP 164-73

[redacted] is described as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
DOB	[redacted]
POB	[redacted]
Height	5'6"
Weight	170 pounds
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Brown
SSAN	[redacted]
Home Address	[redacted] Plymouth, Minnesota
Telephone Number	[redacted]
FBI #	[redacted]

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[redacted] served time at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Sandstone, Minnesota as a result of his conviction on [redacted] and was released from a half-way house in Minneapolis on [redacted]

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In view of the fact that it is believed [redacted] [redacted] has previously been eliminated as a suspect in NORJAK, no further investigation is being conducted unless requested by Seattle.

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Prior to [redacted] conviction he was supposedly assisting the Minneapolis [redacted] in the attempt to locate and apprehend [redacted]

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XX AIRTEL

9/18/81

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) (RUC)
SUBJECT: NORJAK
(OO: SEATTLE)

Reference Louisville Airtel to the Bureau,
9/3/81.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Seattle are two
photographs each of [REDACTED]

For the information of the Bureau and receiving
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sentencing and [REDACTED] were added to
his federal violations. [REDACTED] has been a fugitive ever
since the above date.

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Form approved.
Budget Bureau No. 22-R049.3

Date.....

Dear Sir:

..... who claims to have resided at
..... from to and whose fingerprints and personal
description are recorded hereon is an applicant for enlistment in the United States..... It is
requested that the following information be furnished from your files. A return envelope is inclosed for your
convenience.

Very truly yours,

1 Inclosure
Return Envelope

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(Recruiting Officer)

POLICE RECORD CHECK	CITY AND STATE	DATE
HAS APPLICANT A POLICE OR JUVENILE RECORD? (other than minor traffic violation) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF "YES," WHAT WAS THE OFFENSE? <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 500px; margin: 10px 0;"></div>		
IS APPLICANT NOW UNDERGOING COURT ACTION OF ANY KIND? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF "YES," GIVE DETAILS <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%; margin: 10px 0;"></div>		
DOES CIVIL CUSTODY EXIST? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF "YES," SPECIFY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; margin: 10px 0;"></div>		
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The following investigation was conducted by SA

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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

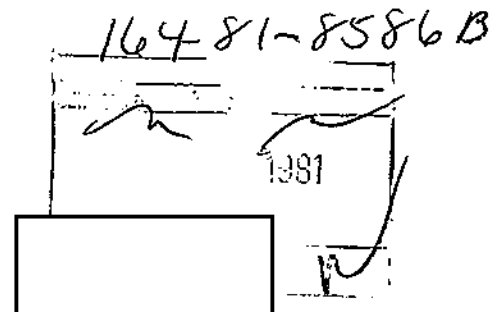
On June 26, 1981, [redacted] (protect),
the [redacted]
[redacted] San Francisco, California, telephone number [redacted]
[redacted], was contacted, in his office, regarding a listed former
employee by the name of [redacted]

It is noted that a [redacted] has been reported
as a missing person by his parents and has not been seen or
heard from, by his parents nor his wife, since his honorable
discharge from the U.S. Military Service in [redacted]. Their
attempts to locate him to determine whether he is dead or
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in their file listed under the name [redacted]
[redacted] confirmed that these photographs were made of one
and the same persons and that they were identical individuals.

[redacted] reviewed [redacted] file out
loud and furnished the following information:



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He stated that on [redacted]
[redacted] became a client of the [redacted]
[redacted] in San Francisco on [redacted]
[redacted] When he applied at the center he also became
a resident at their mens dormitory.

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On his application he listed his occupation as a
[redacted]
stated he was also a very good [redacted] He advised that
[redacted] while at the center, appeared to be a very private
person and didn't want to discuss his private affairs either
during his stay nor did he speak of his private life prior
to coming to the center.

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[redacted] was a very good worker and while a
client he never caused the center's employees any problems
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On [redacted] became an employee
of the center working at various jobs using his skills and
trades listed above. During this time, [redacted] on a couple
of occasions, had broken the rules and showed up at the cen-
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On [redacted] was listed as
[redacted] He was scheduled to work on
that day at a farm project, however, he never showed up for
the job. Also he was listed to return to the center on [redacted]
[redacted] again he never showed and has never been seen by the
center employees as of that date.

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The employees file indicates that in case of emer-
gency, [redacted] listed a person to contact as [redacted]
[redacted] residing at [redacted] North
St. Petersburg, Florida.

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When [redacted] first reported as a client, he listed
his Social Security Number as [redacted] and when he started
as an employee it was listed as [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that during [redacted]
made a statement that his formative life with his family was
intolerable and that since his childhood he had always wanted
to runaway from his family environment.

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[redacted] explained that [redacted] while at the center and his [redacted] [redacted] while he worked on the farm, and he recalls [redacted] had very bad dental problems. His behavior was very good while in the status of a client, but when he became an employee it seemed that he could [redacted] [redacted] while drawing wages.

SA [redacted] requested to review their file photographs of the [redacted] so that it could be compared with a photograph furnished by the parents of [redacted] Upon viewing their photographs, it was determined that these two individuals were one and the same and identical with the exception of the ten year lapse in age.

[redacted] also advised that when [redacted] first [redacted] at the center he made the statement that prior to coming to California and staying at the [redacted] [redacted] in San Francisco he had stayed at the [redacted] in Miami, Florida.

[redacted] advised that since [redacted] departure from the [redacted] his whereabouts is presently unknown by this organization.

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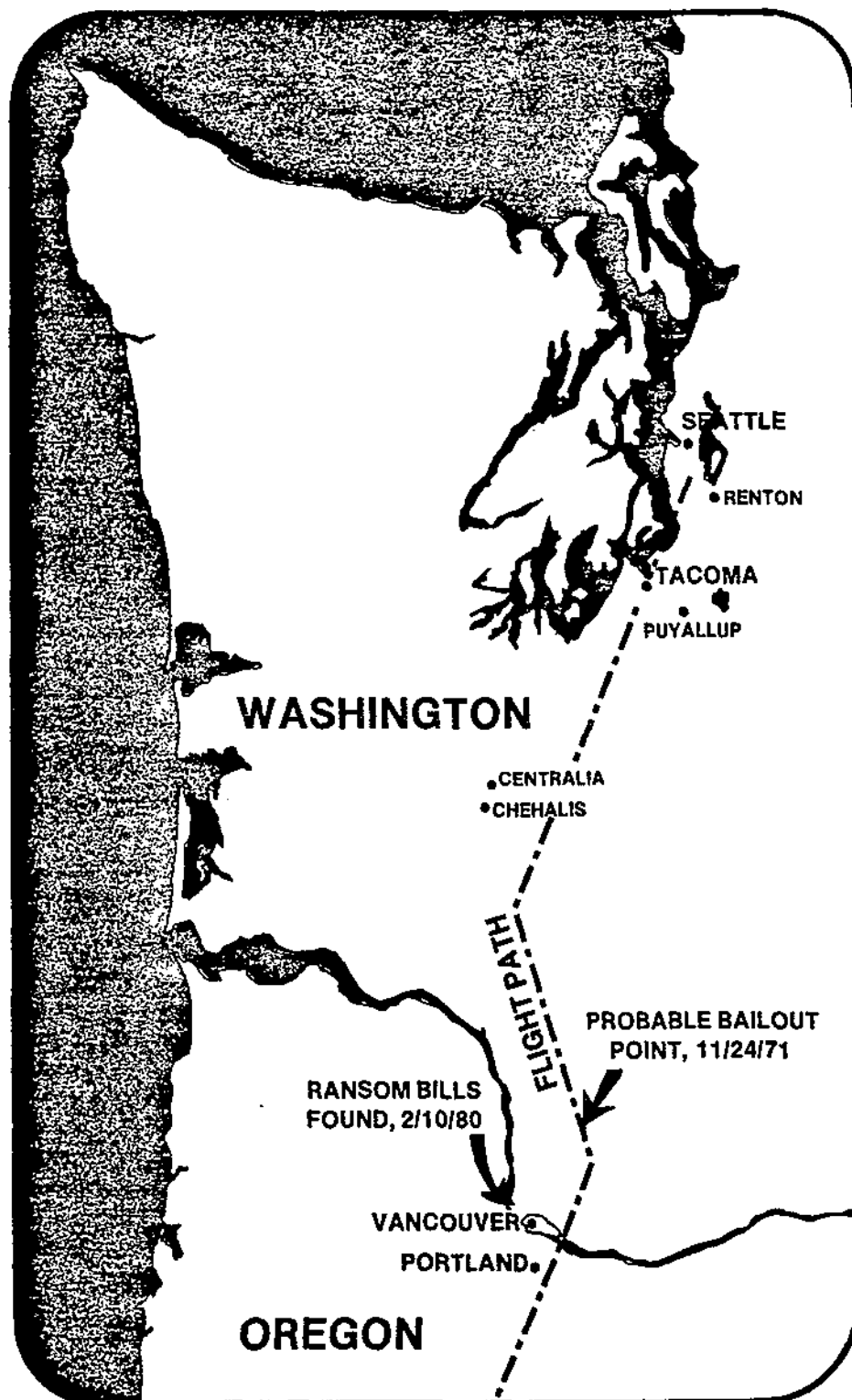
Living with a Legend

by SA Billy Bob Williams

Webster's New World Dictionary includes, among its thousands of word definitions, many words which are of opposite meaning. The dictionary defines immortality as "lasting fame." It defines anonymity as "the quality or state of being anonymous (as through absence or lack of identity)." Throughout history, numerous criminal personalities have been described by one or the other of these words, but few, such as "Jack the Ripper," qualified for both titles.

One such individual stepped through the door of a Boeing 727 on a stormy Thanksgiving eve in 1971. At the time the plane was 10,000 feet over southern Washington state, and the middle-aged man took with him \$200,000 in cash. Possibly the first successful parachute hijacking of an American airliner had occurred, and the name D. B. Cooper would become a household word in the Pacific Northwest and known throughout the world.

The hijack took place shortly after Northwest Airlines Flight 305 departed the Portland, Oregon, International Airport en route to the Seattle-Tacoma Airport. A man, later found listed on the manifest as Dan Cooper, threatened a stewardess with what he claimed was a bomb. The plane landed at "Sea-Tac" where his demand for \$200,000 and four parachutes was complied with. The passengers and several members of the crew were allowed to leave the plane, and at 7:46 p.m. the plane left "Sea-Tac" and flew toward Reno, Nevada. A short time later the hijacker, left alone in the cabin, is believed to have jumped, without boots, helmet, or protective clothing, into some of the roughest terrain on the North American Continent. On the night of his jump,



the weather could only be described as vicious. Despite many hours of ground search and additional hundreds of hours of investigation, the man has neither been found nor identified.

Dan Cooper, whose origin was never established, became D. B. Cooper when members of the news media overheard law enforcement officers discussing a possible suspect with that name. The name was published and has become a part of the legend.

The area into which Cooper fell is approximately 25 miles north of Portland, Oregon. Part of the estimated 150 square miles of drop zone is now included in the red zone, or dangerous area, surrounding the country's newest volcano, Mt. St. Helens. The entire crime took place within the jurisdiction of the Seattle FBI Office, but because of its proximity to Portland, the media and the public frequently associate the Portland Office with the investigation. A closely coordinated investigative effort has been maintained between the two offices throughout the years with an occasional sprinkling of rivalry thrown in when it appeared a significant lead might be developing.

There has been only one real lead; that surfaced in 1980 when an eight-year-old boy found almost \$6,000 of the ransom money on the banks of the Columbia River near Vancouver, Washington. The only result of the find was a reinforcement of the belief that Cooper probably died the night of the jump.



The legend now makes Cooper a folk hero in the mountains of southern Washington, but in considering the matter, one should remember that Cooper's apparent success laid the foundation for the several hundred hijackings which have occurred in the past nine years.

Although Cooper has never been identified, he is never far from the minds of all modern air travelers. In most of the airports in the world, boarding passengers must pass through some type of security system. Usually this is little more than an inconvenience, but for anyone who has been aboard a hijacked flight, or participated in efforts to free those aboard such a flight, the experience has included varying degrees of frustration and terror.

The FBI and other law enforcement agencies around the world have lived with Cooper's legend on a daily basis since 1971. New techniques to enter planes and make rescues have been developed, profiles of potential hijackers formulated, communication networks strengthened, and hostage negotiators trained in an effort to insure the safety of the air traveler. Every operation has its share of problems, but when the call goes out in an FBI office that a hijacking is in progress, you will soon see the very best effort each and every employee can put forth. The satisfaction derived from participating in a successful recovery of hostages and apprehension of their tormentor is one that is seldom equaled.

For the personnel of the Seattle and Portland Offices, the legend lives on in the form of one of the longest, continuous criminal investigations in the history of the FBI.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA

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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

On June 26, 1981, [redacted] (protect),
the [redacted]
[redacted] San Francisco, California, telephone number [redacted]
[redacted], was contacted, in his office, regarding a listed former
employee by the name of [redacted]

It is noted that a [redacted] has been reported
as a missing person by his parents and has not been seen or
heard from, by his parents nor his wife, since his honorable
discharge from the U.S. Military Service in [redacted]. Their
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764-81-8586 B

Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

Date 9/25/81

From : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) (RUC) (SQ. 10)

Subject : NORJAK
OO: Seattle

Enclosed for Seattle Division are: two photographs of suspect [redacted] (photo taken approximately [redacted] Venice, Austria); two Xerox copies of [redacted] U.S. Army fingerprint card dated [redacted]; two investigative inserts reflecting investigation into the missing person status of [redacted] one Xerox copy of D.B. Cooper's composite drawing contained in San Francisco file dated 1973; and one Xerox copy of an article with composite drawing of Cooper, taken from June 1981 issue of "The Investigator".

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For the information of Seattle, this communication and enclosures are being submitted reflecting [redacted] as a possible suspect, whose photograph strongly resembles that of the composite drawings of Unsub, aka D.B. Cooper, perpetrator of captioned hijacking on 11/24/71.

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The circumstances surrounding [redacted] disappearance following his honorable discharge from the U.S. Army on [redacted] from Fort Lewis, Washington, and his apparent disassociation from his parents, friends, and former associates; the fact that he has not been heard from since his discharge, the fact that his apparent voluntary "social dropout" status occurred shortly prior to the captioned hijacking, promoted the San Francisco Case Agent to submit this communication offering him as a possible suspect inasmuch as D.B. Cooper's true identity has not yet been established.

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The following background information reflects the San Francisco Division's predication to conduct preliminary inquiries into the missing person status of [redacted] carried under San Francisco file number [redacted], is being furnished for Seattle's information:

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2 - San Francisco
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In March, 1981, U.S. Senator Allen Cranston received a letter dated [redacted], from [redacted] Pacoima, California, who, in essence, were pleading for assistance in locating their only son, [redacted] who last corresponded with them from Viet Nam in [redacted] while he was serving in the U.S. Army Engineer Corps.

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[redacted] through inquiries of [redacted] in Fort Lewis, Washington, in 1972, determined [redacted] was discharged from the Fort Lewis Army Camp on [redacted] with a considerable amount of money and that he had never reached his forwarding address provided by him upon his departure.

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Since [redacted] discharge, his parents, friends, and former associates have never received any correspondence nor have they, through exhaustive investigations by private detective agencies and assistance from other government agencies, been able to determine his whereabouts for the last ten years.

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Senator Cranston furnished a copy of the [redacted] letter to the San Francisco Office requesting assistance, conveying the subject's parents' speculation that their son may have met with foul play following his discharge from the Army and that someone, other than their son, was using his Social Security card obtaining employment in the U.S. since 1971. Senator Cranston requested the San Francisco Division to attempt to determine if [redacted] was dead or alive.

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In May, 1981, San Francisco received a copy of [redacted] U.S. Army fingerprint card and his FBI criminal history record of identification. A copy of these documents have been enclosed should the Seattle Office desire the Identification Division, Fingerprint Section, to conduct a comparison against any latent fingerprints of unknown subject, aka D.B. Cooper.

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San Francisco initiated a preliminary investigation resulting in the determination that a [redacted] Social Security Account number [redacted] was known to have been employed with the [redacted] San Francisco, California, during the year of 1979.

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Contact with officials of this organization determined that a [redacted] found to be identical, did in fact reside at the [redacted] and [redacted] during the period of 2/23/78 until 8/17/79.

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[redacted] photograph enclosed, as furnished by his parents, compared with that of the photographs located in the employee's file of the above named organization were one and the same persons with the exception of the ten years lapsed difference in age.

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[redacted] provided background information on [redacted] (as indicated in enclosed insert), stating that [redacted] came to their [redacted] and stayed in the dormitory. He [redacted]

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[redacted] On 8/17/79, [redacted] was to report to a farm project, but failed to show up and has not been seen since that date. No forwarding address was given by him and his whereabouts is unknown.

San Francisco responded to the Senator and [redacted] parents explaining that he was still alive in August, 1979, however, further pursuit of this investigation was discontinued due to his adulthood, his rights under the Privacy Act, and that no federal jurisdiction existed. His whereabouts at this point is unknown by the San Francisco Division.

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San Francisco's reasons for submitting [redacted] as a possible suspect is a correlation of [redacted] background and unknown circumstances surrounding his disappearance with that of the psychological profile contained in Seattle's investigative report, dated 5/30/73. Listed below are some of the enumerated reasons for submitting this communication to the Seattle Division:

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1. [redacted] photograph, taken in [redacted] Venice, Austria, bears a strong resemblance to composite drawings of D.B. Cooper; i.e., facial features, hair and parting of the hair, etc., with the exception of the difference of his nose shape.

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2. [redacted] mysterious disappearance from the area of Fort Lewis, Washington, on [redacted] just prior to the hijacking of the airplane on 11/24/71.

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3. [redacted] military service may have afforded him some familiarization with airplanes and parachute jumping even though he was assigned to the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

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4. Unsub - D.B. Cooper made statements to the airline stewardesses explaining why he hijacked the plane, i.e., "It's not because I have a grudge against the airlines, it's because I have a grudge." [redacted] apparently disassociated himself from his parents due to intolerable home environment explaining to [redacted] that he always wanted to run away since childhood (see investigative insert).

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5. [redacted] suit, narrow tie, and small collar points, (in photo) shows to be a conservative as described in Seattle's investigative report as that worn by Unsub, D.B. Cooper.

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6. [redacted] background in military as a [redacted] [redacted] and apparent trade skills may be compared with ingenuity of Unsub, D.B. Cooper's use of a knife to prepare a knapsack containing the extorted money, tying it to the parachute lines prior to jumping from the plane.

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7. [redacted] may have been familiar with military bases as compared to Cooper's statements to airline stewardesses as they passed over those areas.

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It is noted the difference in estimated age of Unsub, D.B. Cooper, by witnesses and what age [redacted] would have been in 1971 is recognized by the San Francisco Division, however, [redacted] in the enclosed photograph appears older than his age.

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The background information and descriptive data of [redacted] was obtained from enclosed fingerprint card, investigation, and information provided by parents in their referenced letter which is contained in San Francisco's file:

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Sex:	Male
Race:	Caucasian
Date of birth:	[redacted]
Place of birth:	[redacted] and/or
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	138 pounds (in 1964)
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown
Scars & Marks:	[redacted]

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Military Service
Number:
Social Security
Account Number:
FBI Number:
Fingerprint
Classification
(Henry System):

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Occupation prior
to Military
Service:

[redacted]

Military Service
Stations:

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri;
Fort Hood, Texas;
Germany; Italy; and Viet Nam

Assignment in
Viet Nam:

Engineer Corps., U.S. Army

[redacted]

Military release
Camp:

Fort Lewis, Washington

[redacted]

Immigrant status:

Received U.S. Citizenship,
[redacted] (fingerprint believed
on file)

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Relatives:

Mother:

[redacted]

Father:

Parents'

residence:

[redacted]

Pacoima, California

[redacted]

Aunt:

[redacted]

Temple, Texas

(effective 1972)

(Note: Investigative insert, [redacted] named an aunt in
Saint Petersburg, Florida).

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San Francisco has refrained from setting forth leads to the Bureau deferring to Seattle's Case Agent's review of the likelihood of [] being considered as a possible suspect.

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This matter is being considered RUC'd deferring to any positive response from the Seattle Division for any additional information.

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10/1/81

TO: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY
FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (164-60) (RUC)
SUBJECT: NORJAK
CAA - HIJACKING (A)
OO: Seattle
Bufile: 164-2111

Re Las Vegas investigation at Stateline, Nevada,
entitled [redacted] Bufile [redacted]

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During the recent arrest of [redacted]
Et Al at Fresno, California, concurrent with investigation
at Stateline, Nevada, in [redacted] the following information
was obtained:

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[redacted] Harvey's Resort
Hotel and Casino, Stateline, Nevada, telephone [redacted]
advised SA [redacted] of the Las Vegas Division, that
near the end of August 1981, as a result of news coverage of
the arrests of the [redacted] suspects, that an older man
contacted Harvey's by long distance from Oklahoma and stated
he believed that he knew the identity of D. B. Cooper.

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The caller identified himself to the Harvey's
switchboard as [redacted] Norman,
Oklahoma, telephone [redacted] He indicated the recent
press releases re [redacted] arrests "jarred" his memory and
that a former neighbor [redacted] aka [redacted]
who lived across the street of his old address of [redacted]
Portland, Oregon, he believes is identical to the hijacker.

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2 - Portland (164-41)
② - Seattle (164-81)
2 - [redacted]
(1 - [redacted] (Info)
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[] stated that [] bragged about the hijacking matter with his son [] during the time he resided across the street from them, exact date unrecalled. A witness to these statements and who possibly could provide additional information regarding [] is [] Last Name Unknown (LNU), who is employed at the Ruth Ashbrook Bakery, located on the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Tolman in Portland.

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[] advised he resided across the street from [] for 3 to 4 years until he moved to the Strongburg area, then subsequently moved to Texas and to Norman, Oklahoma. He does not know if [] still resides on [] in Portland.

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[] indicated that he did not contact the FBI previously because he did not associate [] with the hijacking until he read the newspaper accounts of the Harvey's bombing arrests at Fresno, California. He indicated [] served in the U. S. Navy during World War II.

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Las Vegas indices negative regarding []
(also searched as [] and/or [])

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OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION:

At Norman, Oklahoma:

Will interview [] (phonetic [] telephone [] regarding specific details as to why he suspects his former Portland neighbor, [] as being the hijacker and further information regarding []

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PORTLAND DIVISION:

At Portland, Oregon:

Will check indices regarding [] possibly residing in the []

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Will interview [] LNU, employee of the Ruth Ashbrook Bakery, corner of Tolman Avenue and Milwaukee, to ascertain the accusation that [] is possibly identical to D. B. Cooper

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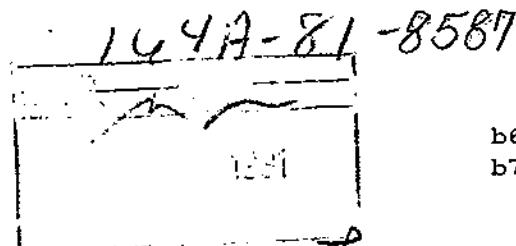
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2 - Portland (164-41)
② - Seattle (164-81)
2 - [redacted] (Info)

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NORJAK
00: Seattle

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☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

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164A-81-8588A

Memorandum



To : Director, FBI () Date 9/28/81

From : Legal Attache, OTTAWA (164-47) (RUC)

Subject : NORJAK
OO:Seattle

Reference: Butel, 9/23/81.

Dissemination, as outlined below, was made on dates indicated.

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CLASSIFICATION:

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☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
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☐ UNCLAS

Date 10/8/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
 FROM: SAC, MIAMI (164A-552)(CI-1)(FLRA) (RUC)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 CAA-HIJACK
 (OO: SEATTLE)
 Bufile 164A-2111

Re Miami airtel to Seattle, 8/21/81.

SUSPECT, [REDACTED]

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photograph. He advised the photograph that was accompanied with the letter was a photograph of his sister's wedding. In the photograph, he is depicted on the far left-hand side, standing next to his mother. His sister's husband previously was employed at Caravel Tru Color Studios. Caravel Tru Color Studios' name and address was printed on the reverse side of the photograph.

[] was advised that he was not considered to be a suspect nor was under any investigation regarding this matter. He was also advised of the fact that retired SA [] and current SAs, including SA [] have viewed his photograph and viewed the composite photograph of the "NORJAK" suspect, and have deemed it not to be identical.

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In view of the fact that SAs of the Miami Division who personally know [] have viewed the composite photograph of the "NORJAK" suspect and determined it not to be identical, and in view of the fact that no further investigation has been requested of the Miami Division, this case is being placed in an RUC status.

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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (164A-552) (CI-1) (FLRA) (RUC)
SUBJECT: NORJAK
CAA-HIJACK
(OO: SEATTLE)
Bufile 164A-2111

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 164A-81

October 8, 1981

NORJAK;
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT -
HIJACK

On November 24, 1971, a lone white male boarded Northwest Orient Flight #305 at Portland, Oregon. At approximately 3:22 PM while the flight was en route to Seattle, Washington, he indicated to the stewardess that his briefcase contained a bomb which would blow up the plane unless his demands were met.

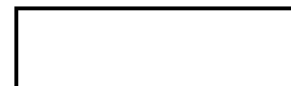
The hijacker demanded \$200,000 and four parachutes in exchange for the safety of the 36 passengers aboard the plane. When the aircraft landed at Seattle, Washington, Northwest Orient Airlines complied with his instructions. After he received the parachutes and the money, the hijacker allowed all passengers and two airline stewardesses to deplane.

He then ordered the remaining crew members into the first-class section of the aircraft and informed them he desired to fly to Mexico City. The hijacker instructed that the plane proceed in a southerly direction and fly at a low altitude and slow speed which would enable the rear door of the plane (Boeing 727) to be opened during the flight.

The hijacker apparently bailed out somewhere between Seattle, Washington, and Reno, Nevada, where the plane landed to refuel. It was determined the hijacker, two parachutes, and the ransom money had disappeared when the plane was inspected at Reno, Nevada.

Artist conception drawings of the aircraft hijacker were prepared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Exhibit Section and are considered a reasonable likeness. The black and white composites were prepared initially, and some time later the color composites were prepared to depict the hijacker's complexion and age more graphically.

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CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT -
HIJACK

The hijacker is described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Mid 40's
Height:	5'10" to 6'
Weight:	170 to 180 pounds
Complexion:	Olive, Latin appearance, medium smooth
Hair:	Dark brown or black, parted on the left, combed back
Eyes:	Possibly brown, during later part of flight the hijacker put on dark wrap-around sunglasses with dark rims
Voice:	Low, spoke intelligently, no particular accent
Characteristics:	Smoked Raleigh filters type cigarettes
Wearing Apparel:	Black or brown suit; narrow black tie (clip on type); black rain type overcoat or dark top coat; dark briefcase or attache' case; carried a paper bag - 4 X 12 X 14 inches; brown shoes
Remarks:	Very polite at all times.

By communication dated September 23, 1981, the Butte Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised that on September 23, 1981, [redacted]

[redacted] Alberta Canada, telephone [redacted] advised that [redacted]

[redacted] who had information regarding the D. B. Cooper case in which an individual hijacked an airliner in the United States and then parachuted from the aircraft.

[redacted] turned the telephone conversation over to [redacted] who advised that his office telephone number is [redacted] and his home telephone number is [redacted] in the city of [redacted]

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[] advised that one [] resides near the community of Caroline in Alberta, Canada. [] and [] stated that until recently, [] has been very difficult to converse with. He stated that recently, however, he has caught [] in the act of [] and since [] is dependent upon the continuation of his [] for his livelihood, he has become somewhat cooperative and conversant with []

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[] told [] that [] who parachuted from the hijacked airplane in the United States, formerly was [] in the Caroline, Alberta, Canada, area. He stated that when he started this [] he, himself, put up sixty percent of the financing and that [] put up the other forty percent. He stated that that was prior to the hijacking. He stated, however, that some of [] are still residing in the area and do work in the []

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[] did confirm that there are persons by the name of [] who do work with []

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[] recently told [] that he recently saw [] north of Caroline, Alberta, Canada, and he was very definite it was him, but he was wearing what appeared to be a wig and false beard. [] stated that he approached [] but that [] ran. [] has told [] that he believed [] probably would continue to be involved in [] type employment.

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He stated that [] was very much familiar with the back country and packing and [] and that type of activity.

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[] was of the opinion that [] probably knows the whereabouts of the person known to him as []

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[] stated that the [] he knows always carried a gun, and he would assume that he would be dangerous.

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[] stated that he is aware that someone has made a deposit for purchase of the property of []

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[] but that there does not appear to be an immediate sale, and he believed that even if the property should become sold, [] would probably continue to reside in the same general area.

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[] advised that he would continue to make periodic contacts with [] for the purpose of establishing greater rapport with him. [] advised he would not specifically engage in conversation regarding []

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[] advised that [] Alberta, Canada, is approximately [] of Great Falls, Montana, and it is a [] of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. It is [] of Red Deer. He advised that there is no commercial airport at [] [] however, he stated that there is a good paved runway which would accommodate even a fair-sized twin-engine aircraft in the event that investigators may wish to fly into the area for the purpose of interviewing []

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Date 10/8/81

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
 FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

NORJAK
 CAA - HIJACK
 OO: SEATTLE

Reference Butte teletype to the Director, dated September 23, 1981.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and five copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting background data on captioned case and requesting investigation for Legat, Ottawa. Two copies suitable for dissemination to Legat.

Attached to this communication are four artist's composites, two black and white and two color, depicting NORJAK Unsub, also known as D. B. Cooper, Dan Cooper.

Legat Ottawa is requested to contact [redacted]

[redacted] Alberta, Canada, and determine through [redacted] identity of [redacted] who is known to him. Develop background data, physical description, and using enclosed photos, determine if identical to Unsub.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE

Date 10/21/81

From : *C/p* SAC, DENVER (164-704) (P)

Subject : UNSUB, aka *164-81*
D. B. Cooper
CAA - HIJACKING
(OO: SEATTLE)

Seattle is requested to forward a supply of flyers containing the artist's conception of captioned Unsub to Denver.

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SAC, DENVER (164-704) (P)

UNSUB, aka
D. B. Cooper
CAA - HIJACKING
(OO: SEATTLE)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81-8586)

DATE: October 27, 1981

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

SUSPECT: [REDACTED]

Re San Francisco letter to Seattle, dated September 25, 1981.

In view of the fact that [REDACTED] present age is [REDACTED] years of age and at the time of the captioned case occurred he would have been [REDACTED] years of age and not in his mid-40s as D. B. Cooper was described, no further investigation is being conducted in this matter and this individual is not being considered as a suspect in captioned case.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, DENVER (164A-704)

Date 11/6/81

From : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

Subject : NORJAK
CAA - HIJACKING
OO: Seattle

Re Denver letter to Seattle, 10/21/81.

Enclosed for Denver are four sets of color and black/white photos of UNSUB in this matter as requested in referenced letter.

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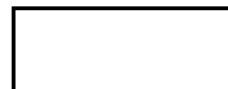
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Memorandum



To : SAC, DENVER (164A-704)

Date 11/6/81

From : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

Subject : NORJAK
CAA - HIJACKING
OO: Seattle

Re Denver letter to Seattle, 10/21/81.

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UNSUB, AKA "D.B. COOPER"; CAA-CONFIRMED HIJACKING;

CO: SEATTLE.

FOR INFORMATION SEATTLE DIVISION, ON NOVEMBER 16,
1981, [REDACTED] VOLUNTARILY
APPEARED AT CHICAGO OFFICE, FBI, AND ADVISED AS
FOLLOWS:

[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN INCARCERATED FROM
[REDACTED] DURING THE LATTER
PART OF HIS INCARCERATION, [REDACTED] WAS HOUSED AT THE
[REDACTED] WHERE HE
SHARED A CELL WITH [REDACTED]

AND CONSTANTLY PLOTTED THE HIJACKING OF A COMMERCIAL
JET AIRLINER FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING MONEY.

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UNSUB, AKA "D.B. COOPER"; CAA-CONFIRMED HIJACKING;

OO: SEATTLE.

FOR INFORMATION SEATTLE DIVISION, ON NOVEMBER 10,
1981, [REDACTED] VOLUNTARILY
APPEARED AT CHICAGO OFFICE, FBI, AND ADVISED AS
FOLLOWS:

[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN INCARCERATED FROM
[REDACTED] DURING THE LATTER
PART OF HIS INCARCERATION, [REDACTED] WAS HOUSED AT THE
[REDACTED] WHERE HE
SHARED A CELL WITH [REDACTED]
HAD CONSTANTLY PLANNED THE HIJACKING OF A COMMERCIAL
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TO [REDACTED] WHO WAS
ENTHRALLED WITH [REDACTED] IDEA, HAD AGREED TO ATTEMPT
SUCH A CRIME. [REDACTED] HAD ORIGINALLY OBTAINED HIS
HIJACKING PLAN FROM A MOVIE THE INMATES HAD WATCHED.

[REDACTED] WAS SEPARATED FROM [REDACTED] IN
LATE [REDACTED] AFTER THE PUBLIC REPORT
OF CAPTIONED INCIDENT, [REDACTED] ATTEMPTED TO RE-ESTABLISH
CONTACT WITH THEM TO DETERMINE IF THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE HIJACKING. [REDACTED] DID NOT LOCATE EITHER INDIVIDUAL,
AT THAT TIME. HOWEVER, SHORTLY THEREAFTER, [REDACTED] WAS
CONTACTED BY [REDACTED], FIRST NAME UNKNOWN, AND
WAS TOLD TO FORGET THE ISSUE, TO DROP FURTHER ENQUIRIES.
[REDACTED] FEARING FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY, DID NOT PURSUE
HIS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE [REDACTED] HOWEVER, [REDACTED]
DID DETERMINE THAT [REDACTED] IS NOW OPERATING [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CHICAGO,
ILLINOIS.

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS FOLLOWS: WHITE MALE,
MEXICAN-AMERICAN, 5'7"-5'8", 145 POUNDS, POSSIBLY 44-45
YEARS OLD; INMATE NUMBER [REDACTED]; NO DISCERNIBLE ACCENT;

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[] DESCRIBED [] AS FOLLOWS: WHITE MALE,
5'10"-5'11"; 165-170 POUNDS; MUSCULAR BUILD; WORE
GLASSES ON OCCASION. LIGHT BROWN HAIR; CUSTOMARILY
HAD MIGRAINE HEADACHES; INMATE NUMBER WAS IN [] SERIES;
AGE-26-27 (1962).

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[] IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: WHITE MALE, 5'7",
160 POUNDS; GRAY HAIR; HAZEL EYES; DOB []
POB []; SSAN [] RESIDENCE:
[] EMPLOYMENT-DAY
LABORER, "JUST JOBS", 4414 NORTH BROADWAY, CHICAGO,
ILLINOIS.

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THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS BEING PROVIDED SO THAT
SEATTLE CAN EVALUATE. IT IS HIGHLY CONCEIVABLE THAT
[] HAS ONLY SPECULATED ON HIS ORIGINAL CONVERSATIONS
WITH [] SEATTLE SHOULD ADVISE CHICAGO
APPROPRIATELY.

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ON NOVEMBER 13, 1981, UNIVERSAL PICTURES, 120 UNIVERSAL CITY PLAZA, UNIVERSAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, WILL RELEASE TO THEATERS NATIONWIDE A MOTION PICTURE TITLED "THE PURSUIT OF D. S. COOPER." THE MOTION PICTURE IS BASED ON THE CAPTIONED CASE.

IN ITS ADVERTISING PROMOTIONS, UNIVERSAL PICTURES IS OFFERING A ONE MILLION DOLLAR REWARD FOR INFORMATION RESULTING IN THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF "D. S. COOPER" FOR AIRCRAFT PIRACY. THE ADVERTISING PROMOTIONS STATE IN PART "IF YOU HAVE SUCH INFORMATION AS TO THE REAL D. S. COOPER, CONTACT YOUR NEAREST LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. THIS OFFER EXPIRES MIDNIGHT, DECEMBER 1, 1981."

Sup. [redacted] advised
8:30 AM, 11-10-81 DJ

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UNIVERSAL PICTURES INITIATED THE REWARD OFFER ON ITS OWN VOLITION TO PROMOTE THE MOTION PICTURE AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT SHOULD "D. B. COOPER" BE IDENTIFIED.

EACH OFFICE IS INSTRUCTED TO FURNISH SEATTLE, THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN, ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OR CITIZENS. NO INVESTIGATION IS TO BE CONDUCTED BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED. SEATTLE WILL DETERMINE VALIDITY OF THE INFORMATION AND ADVISE OFFICES OF NECESSARY INVESTIGATION.

ALL OFFICES ARE TO BEAR IN MIND WHEN CAPTIONED CRIME WAS COMMITTED ON NOVEMBER 11, 1971, UNSUB AKA D. B. COOPER WWS DESCRIBED AS BEING A WHITE MALE, MID-FORTIES, 5' 10" TO 6' 0", 170 POUNDS, OLIVE COMPLEXION, AND LATIN APPEARANCE.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)(P) DATE: 11/9/81
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FROM : SC LINDA ANN LEWIS

SUBJECT: NORJAK(A)
OO: SE

Re: Suspect Dr. James A. Roman (deceased)

On 10/7/81 [REDACTED], Department of Licensing,
Olympia, Washington, advised she could locate no drivers
license for James A. Roman, born 10/9/27.

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TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)(P) DATE: 11/9/81
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)(P) DATE: 11/9/81
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FROM : SC LINDA ANN LEWIS

SUBJECT: NORJAK(A)
OO: SE

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)(P)

Date 11/18/81

From : SA [redacted]

Subject : NORJAK(A)
OO: Seattle

RE: Suspect Dr. JAMES A. ROMAN (deceased)

Re Seattle memos of SA [redacted] 8/18/81, and 9/19/81.

On 8/26/81, [redacted] Office of Special Investigations, Department of Social and Health Services, Vancouver, Washington, was interviewed and the results of this interview are contained in the file.

On 9/18/81, [redacted] supra, advised he had been unable to determine what kind of cigarettes Dr. Roman smoked but he was aware that Roman did smoke.

On 10/6/81 and again on 11/2/81, contact with [redacted] revealed he had no new or pertinent information concerning this matter.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)(P)

Date 11/18/81

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject : NORJAK(A)
OO: Seattle

RE: Suspect Dr. JAMES A. ROMAN (deceased)

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Vancouver, Wash.

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Pursuing Cooper

Believe the former FBI agent, not new movie

By BILL DIETRICH
The Columbian

"Enjoyable juvenile escapism."

That is the reaction the new "Pursuit of D.B. Cooper" movie drew Friday from the FBI agent who pursued Cooper the longest: Ralph Himmelsbach of West Linn, Ore.

The movie begins where the known facts end about America's most famous skyjacker, the only one never caught. The film follows its fictional Cooper as he flees across the western United States towards Mexico with a pretty girl and the \$200,000 extorted from the airline.

Himmelsbach, who is writing a book on the case, speculates Cooper was probably an ex-con no one missed when he disappeared and whose bones lie somewhere in the Washougal River basin.

The Columbian took the retired agent, now 56, to the film to get his reaction. From the opening moments, the film left the 28-year FBI veteran shaking his head.

The film shows Cooper, played by Treat Williams, bailing out of a "Northern Pacific" jetliner on Nov. 24, 1971, under clear, sunny skies, landing near cached survival equipment (including a jeep) in a pine forest.



CHERYL HASELHORST/The Columbian

FBI agent Ralph Himmelsbach settles in to watch D.B. Cooper film.

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In reality, said Himmelsbach, Cooper jumped from a Northwest 727 into a pitch-black November storm, with an estimated chill factor of 69 degrees below zero.

No matter. "The Pursuit of D.B. Cooper" is a popcorn film: lightweight, empty, but fun. Its one real concession to the facts is to show the star tossing a packet of \$20 bills into a stream. There is no discernible reason, except to jibe with the 1980 discovery of Cooper money on a Columbia River beach by Vancouver's 8-year-old Brian Ingram.

Himmelsbach's recounting of the truth remains more interesting. The unsolved case, he estimated, cost more to investigate than the original \$200,000 ransom. The case made Cooper a folk hero, and stimulated the subsequent wave of skyjackings. They resulted in airport security procedures the public is still paying for.

The case has plenty of irony, not the least of which is that D.B. Cooper was "found" the night of the hijacking.

Himmelsbach explained that after "Dan Cooper" bought a ticket for the flight at Portland International Airport, the FBI ordered a search of local directories for such a man. They turned up a bewildered D.B. Cooper who was found at home, unaware a skyjacking was going on.

An Associated Press reporter mistakenly thought this routine check meant the culprit's true initials were D.B. The mistake was retracted the next day, but "D.B." had a poetry Dan lacked. The name stuck.

Himmelsbach took charge of the case in Portland, unsuccessfully tried that night to follow the lumbering airliner in the storm by helicopter, then criss-crossed the Ariel vicinity by light plane the following day. Thanksgiving. Cooper was not found — not then, or in the nearly nine subsequent years Himmelsbach worked on and off the case before his retirement in 1980.

So who was D.B. Cooper, and what happened to him? Here are Himmelsbach's speculations:

● Cooper was likely an ex-con: first, because he had the ruthlessness

to terrify 42 passengers and demand \$200,000, and second, because he was so unloved that no one inquired about his disappearance. Authorities exhaustively searched missing person reports, prison records, etc., without success.

● He may have been from the Tacoma area. He had no foreign accent, and remarked to a stewardess that he could recognize Tacoma from the air. He specifically asked for parachutes from nearby McChord Air Force Base, showing some familiarity with the area.

● Cooper was an amateur skydiver. He asked for four parachutes, but cut the cords from the one easiest to use, presumably to tie the 21-pound canvas sack of money around his waist. A second chute was ignored. The two that disappeared included a small, hard-to-control emergency chute for acrobatic pilots, and a chute used to train Air Force chute packers. Unknown to authorities when it was given to Cooper, the panels on that last chute were sewn together and would not open.

● Cooper had no known navigational instruments, no known food or water, and jumped wearing a business suit and loafer shoes. He had no gloves, no goggles, no helmet, no boots. If a chute deployed, its normal speed plus high winds would have sent him into the ground at 50 mph.

● Cooper could not have been planning to jump to a cached set of survival gear. He asked to go to several cities — all requiring different air routes — before agreeing Reno was as far as the plane could go with its fuel.

● Although the pilot's best estimate put Cooper's bailout in the vicinity of Ariel, Himmelsbach thinks Cooper died in the Washougal River basin. The money found on the shores of the Columbia River could not have been washed upstream from the mouth of the Lewis River, the agent said. The next nearest major watershed above the famous beach is the Washougal.

Himmelsbach thinks Cooper landed, walked or crawled to a stream for

water, died of injuries or exposure, and lay undisturbed all winter. Spring floods washed some of the money down the Washougal to the Columbia River, and it floated down the Columbia to be discovered eight years later.

Regrets? Few. Himmelsbach said the case was his most interesting.

"I don't feel he got away with it," he said. "I'm comfortable. I sleep at nights."

Besides a possible book contract, the case has also brought Himmelsbach national publicity. He is tentatively scheduled to appear Monday on Good Morning America.

The money? Except for the Ingram discovery, not a bill of it has turned up, either here or overseas.

Cooper? Himmelsbach presented the facts to a grand jury five years after the Cooper caper, when the statute of limitations would have run out. The resulting indictment means Cooper could still go to prison, if caught.

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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
 FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164A-220) (P) (SJRA)
 RE: UNSUB; aka
 Dan Cooper
 Northwest Orient Airlines
 Flight 305
 11/24/71
 CAA - HIJACKING

On 11/16/81, [redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY) currently employed at [redacted] telephone number [redacted] San Jose, California, advised SA [redacted] of the San Jose Resident Agency, of the following:

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requested that his wife not find out that he is the one who exposed his [redacted] because if she did, he would probably [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that when [redacted] lived in the Los Angeles area that he worked at radio station [redacted]. He is now employed at the radio station [redacted] in Tacoma, Washington, and is utilizing the name of [redacted]

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[redacted] described his [redacted] as follows:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'9-10"
Hair	Blond or light color
Weight	150-180 pounds
Physical condition	No muscle tone
Complexion/facial characteristics	Pale skin, baggie eyelids, wore prescription sunglasses, high cheekbones, broad nose
Age (in 1971)	Approximately 40 years old
Miscellaneous	Heavy smoker; having a pilot's license; speaks fluent Spanish

[redacted] advised that his wife's [redacted] maiden name is [redacted], but after they were divorced, she remarried and currently uses the name [redacted]. He advised that he does not know the current whereabouts of [redacted] wife.

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[redacted] advised that his [redacted] occurred approximately four days prior to the D.B. Cooper incident.

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it has been ten years since i took the plunge from flight 305. i never planned on contact but the feeling is probably mutual. while i obviously did not overestimate my abilities, i have underestimated public reaction to the event. instead of a dim memory it seems that the mythmakers have been hard at work. first the cult following, then articles and books, and now a movie. none of which ever broke my silence. but now comes a million dollar reward! perhaps turning myself in would be a wise and profitable decision. i propose that i give myself up if the following conditions are met: i must have assurances that my surrender will qualify for the reward; to that effect i want a joint legal opinion and agreement by the justice department and universal. i will return the money to northwest if they agree to refrain from all future legal proceedings against me. i will plead guilty to a one year punishable misdemeanor to be served at a minimum federal facility; to that effect i want an agreement signed by the attorney general. if this can be done in time i will surrender to the director of the fbi personally on november 24. act quickly, i believe this to be in everyone's best interests, even universal; a million will be a small amount for the unlimited press coverage and curiosity. think it over. if you agree, place a notice in the new york times! personal copy reading "come home d.b., all is forgiven! on november 24 i will then recontact over specifics. p.s. i would like to refer a ted thanks to captain scott and [redacted] for their cool conduct at the time.

sincerely not yours,
d.b. cooper

the following have been contacted: fbi/ northwest/ universal/
please contact each other.

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to [redacted]

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DIRECTOR WILLIAM WEBSTER
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

URGENT

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Director, FBI (164-2111)

SAC, Philadelphia

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Enclosed for Philadelphia and Seattle are two copies each of an envelope and a letter signed D. B. Cooper.

For information of Philadelphia, shortly after 3:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, 11/24/71, a lone white male traveling from Portland, Oregon, to Seattle, Washington, on Flight 305, Northwest Orient Airlines, displayed the contents of his brief case to a stewardess on the plane indicating to her it was a bomb and that it would be exploded unless his demands were met. The hijacker indicated his willingness to exchange the safety of the passengers for \$200,000 and four parachutes. Northwest Orient Airlines complied with the hijacker's instructions and once the money and parachutes were loaded on the plane and it was being refueled, he allowed the 36 passengers aboard and two airline stewardesses to deplane. The hijacker indicated a desire to fly to Mexico City and instructed the plane take off in a southerly direction, fly at a low altitude and slow speed, and that the lower rear door in the plane be opened during flight. All of the hijacker's demands were met and all members of the crew remained in the pilot's cabin as the hijacker had ordered. When the flight landed at Reno, Nevada, for refueling, it was determined that the hijacker, two parachutes and the ransom money had disappeared.

An intensive investigation was instituted with negative results.

The hijacker was first identified as D. B. Cooper, but a later check of the passenger manifest showed the name he used in buying a ticket with cash was Dan Cooper. His actual identity never has been confirmed.

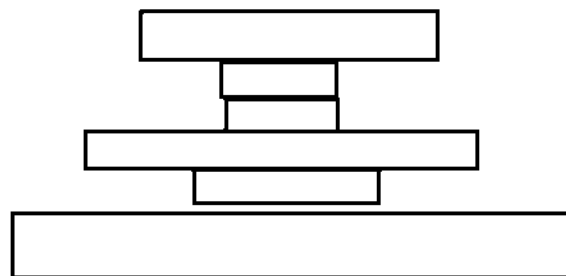
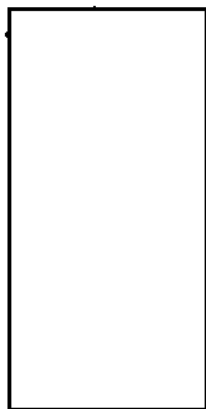
The enclosed letter is being furnished to receiving offices for possible future lead purposes.

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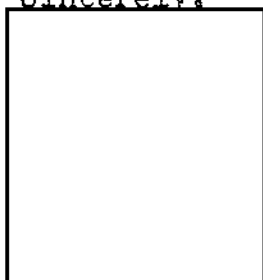
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To whom it may concern:

The enclosed info may be helpful to you, though I imagine you are already familiar with it. It certainly amazed me when  hear from you. With the release of the Universal movie, I thought I'd just double-check and see if you were aware of D.B. Cooper's movements.

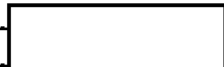
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Lookout D. B. Cooper in Cambridge

by Ken Lizotte

The news media in this town ain't so special, nor are the F.B.I., anywhere. They've been tracking down D.B. Cooper for years, since 1971 in fact, and looking for the \$200 G's he obtained in ransom from an airline hijacking, a feat of no miniscule proportion considering he escaped — yes, ESCAPED! — by parachuting into the Southern California countryside. The one that did it, AND GOT AWAY, that's Daniel B. Cooper.

Legend has it, however, that Cooper dropped the money, either in part or all, as he floated to earth, and that twenty-dollar bills were thus deposited throughout the towns and villages in his landing area. Yet, strangely, none of the money, not one buck!, was ever found, and even more strange, every year, on the anniversary of his escape, the towns and villages in that area throw a "D.B. Cooper Celebration" to honor him for, well, for something! They appreciate him, though one can only speculate as to why, and there seems to be a genuine hope that the feds never catch him, wherever he may be.

And could that "wherever" be, or have been, Cambridge? According to a most reliable source of mine, a D.B. Cooper lived near Central Square during the winter months of 1978. His name was clearly displayed on a mailbox and correspondence to and from him was regularly delivered. Was this the same D.B.

corresponded with many well-known public officials, including Arthur F. Burns, former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Bob Bergland, Secretary of Agriculture, Benjamin F. Bailar, Postmaster-General of the United States, our own Mel Thomson of New Hampshire, and a Dr. Red Metrowich, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Africa Freedom Foundation. Apparently, Cooper wrote to Metrowich asking about getting out of the country and escaping to South Africa. His initial contact, however, had been with Thomson, who had directed him to Metrowich. Was Thomson collaborating with hijacker Cooper to help him get out of the country? Or was Thomson unaware that a hijacker seven years earlier had been named D.B. Cooper? Whatever the answer, did Thomson, or any of the others report this correspondence to the FBI as any good law-abiding American should? A check with both the Bureau and offices of these gentlemen reveals they did not.

Where are you now, Alan Lupo? The Globe Spotlight Team? Mark Zanger? Peter Lucas. All the other great investigative minds of Boston journalism? Was D.B. Cooper, the hijacker-that-got-away, right here in the Boston area for a year or more? Is he now in South Africa? How can the FBI take so much credit for finding "bits of twenty dollar bills," as they did this month, when Cooper may not even be in the country any longer? After all, it's been nine years, and those bits they found in the California mud are the most they've got to show for the veils and talent poured into this mending mantant.

It would seem, then, that if Abbie Hoffman wants to truly remain at large, the thing to do is change his name back to just that: Abbie Hoffman. No one would ever suspect that a fugitive would keep his true name. This obviously has been the case with D.B. Cooper.

buy a strength and endurance that makes him a greater man than most. John, you ought to write greeting cards—I'm impressed.

D.B. Cooper Was Here

from falling into the wrong hands. . . . I will most regret your leaving your job because I will not be able to hear of you anymore. Maybe they'll write a story about you in People? I hope so, because I would miss not being able to read about what you've been doing with yourself. Whatever happens, be active. Don't let the economy get you down, it's not your worry anymore."

Uhh? This is an *outlaw* speaking? Is this on the level or what? The Lunk says it is, but offers no explanation. Why then would D.B. Cooper, the outlaw, commend Arthur F. Burns for his work with the FRB? Could this be code? Does Cooper know what he's talking about when he writes, "It ain't easy keeping money from falling into the wrong hands?" The F.B.I. has certainly been wringing its own hands as it's scoured high and low for the two hundred thousand from Cooper's hijacking ransom.

The kicker here is that later in the letter, Cooper offers Burns a loan! "I could send you a few bucks," he says. "Nothing's too good for a pal like you. **AND FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE,**" (Emphasis mine!) The letter ends: "I wouldn't charge as much interest as the banks do, so don't worry about that part! Please contact me if I can help. **I'M ALWAYS AROUND,**" (Emphasis, once again, my own!)

Unless 'The Lark' has somehow stolen FRB letterheads, Arthur Burns must have a copy of this reply somewhere in his own files! Does the Bureau know this? Again, why didn't Burns report these communiqués in the first place?

But how, really, do any of us know for certain that it was not? □

Ronald Reagan is calling for tax cuts across the board for all taxpayers. Penn's a freeze on wages, prices, rents, interest rates and profits. He does not mention a freeze on TAXES, the one thing that is killing all American wallets and pocketbooks. Kennedy is calling for the passage, by Congress, of the Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment Bill, and the National Health Insurance Bill, these two pieces of legislation are highly inflationary and totally unnecessary. This legislation will hurt the very people that Kennedy is concerned about: the poor, elderly, do not want the big government that Kennedy stands for. Kennedy is calling for minorities and women. This proposed legislation would tax these people even more, because the hidden tax, inflation, hurts these groups the hardest. Miss Riley, Ronald Reagan and his "performance" in New Hampshire may not be to your liking, but I'll take him any day over our buffoon from Massachusetts.

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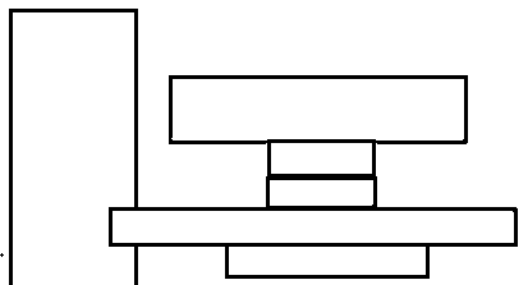
Landed forward, sweat poured, demons
churned, heaved screeching:

Thundering throughout psyche,
reverberating, echoing against inner walls
of spineless steel...

God himself delivering the word from on high.... The paradox of human achievement had been presented—the invisible star—infinite geometry demanded an existence remembered only by those so twisted.... so possessed.... A Rocky Rham.... A Jim Schreiber. For this garden had seen and forgotten a team of Ohhs...sing along—

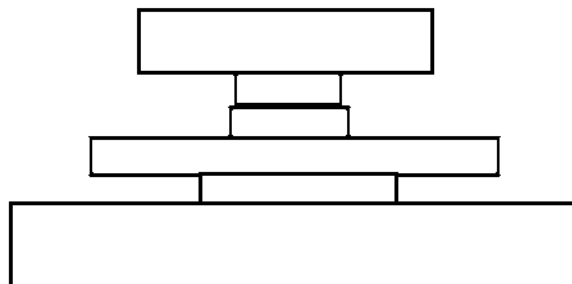
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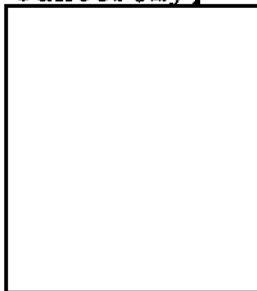
Federal Bureau of Investigation

To whom it may concern:

The enclosed info may be helpful to you, though I
imagine you are already familiar with it. It certainly
amazed me when 
hear from you. With the release of the Universal
movie, I thought I'd just double-check and see
if you were aware of D.B. Cooper's movements.

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Sincerely,



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164-81-8604

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11/27/81

Director, FBI

SACs, Boston
Seattle

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INFORMATION CONCERNING
OO: SEATTLE

Enclosed for receiving offices are two copies each of a letter from [redacted] to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., dated 11/13/81 with two enclosures.

FBIHQ recently received the above letter and enclosures from [redacted] Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Boston conduct appropriate investigation.

Enclosures (2)

DB Cooper-19013

104A-81-8625

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11/27/81

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DB Cooper-19014

FBI

TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
☐ Facsimile
☐ AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
☐ UNCLAS E F T O
☐ UNCLAS

Date 11/25/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
 FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (164A-571) (RUC)
 SUBJECT: NORJACK;
 CAA - HIJACKING
 OO: SEATTLE

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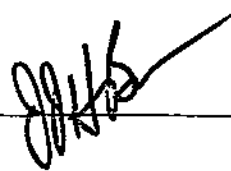
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[redacted] advised that at the conclusion of [redacted] had obtained [redacted] had returned [redacted] in Montana. He stated he had obtained [redacted] address but had lost it and that he had not heard from [redacted] since.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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11/25/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (164A-571) (RUC)
SUBJECT: NORJACK;
CAA - HIJACKING
OO: SEATTLE

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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1 - Phoenix
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DB Cooper-19016

164-81-8000
[Handwritten initials and stamps]

Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

Date 12/2/81

From : SAC, MILWAUKEE (164-36) RUC

Subject : NORJACK
CAA - HIJACKING

OO: SE

ReButel 11/11/81.

On 11/23/81, [redacted] Milwaukee, Wis., [redacted] telephonically contacted the Milwaukee Office and advised that a landlord that he is involved with regarding a [redacted] is a look-a-like for D. B. Cooper.

[redacted] stated he could not provide a description of this individual as he only saw him once about a month and one half ago. He did, however, state that he has thin hair and that his facial features are pretty much the same as Cooper. He gave this individual's name as [redacted] Milwaukee.

[redacted] stated that he saw [redacted] during an adverse examination taken of [redacted]

[redacted] described [redacted] as being eccentric. He bought the property he now has two years ago for cash, but now is on the verge of bankruptcy. He stated that it adds up that a person with his personality would not be able to accumulate a large amount of money on his own.

[redacted] stated that after the adverse examination, [redacted] acted just like Paul Newman would act. On the way down Wisconsin Avenue just after the exam, he kept looking back at [redacted] and grinning.

[redacted] stated that he would like more information regarding Cooper so he could check this out.

Indices negative regarding [redacted]

② - Seattle
1 - Milwaukee

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164-81-8607

DEC 5 1981

DB Cooper-19017

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

12/2/81

SAC, MILWAUKEE (164-36) RUC

NORJACK
CAA - HIJACKING

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Indices negative regarding [redacted]

2 - Seattle
1 - Milwaukee

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164A-81-8607
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DB Cooper-19018

Memorandum



To : Director, FBI ()

Date 11/30/81

From : Legal Attache, Ottawa (164A-47) (P)

Subject : NORJAK
CAA - HIJACK

OO: SEATTLE

Reference: Seattle airtel, with LHM, 10/8/81.

Dissemination, as outlined below, was made on dates indicated.

☒ 1 copies of re LHM.

☐ Pertinent information from

Name and Location of Agency

Date Furnished

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TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
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☒ AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

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☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
☐ UNCLAS E F T O
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Date 12/7/81

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (164-748)
 FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81-8595) (P)
 NORJAK;
 CAA - HIJACKING (A)
 OO: SEATTLE

Re Chicago teletype to Seattle, November 10, 1981.

While information in referenced teletype does appear nebulous due to the nature of this case, Chicago Division should obtain photo of [REDACTED]. Also obtain physical and background data through Illinois State Prison.

Note that [REDACTED] generally fits description of unknown subject. Bear in mind that unknown subject was described in 1971 as follows:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White, American
Age:	Mid 40s
Height:	5'10" - 6'0"
Weight:	170 - 180 lbs.
Complexion:	Latin appearance
Hair:	Dark Brown or Black
Eyes:	Possibly Brown
Other:	Smokes Raleigh Cigarettes

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TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
☐ Facsimile
☒ AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 12/7/81

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DB Cooper-19021

Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

Date 12/8/81

From : SA [redacted]

Subject : NORJAK

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LEAD:

SEATTLE DIVISION

AT PUYALLUP, WASHINGTON

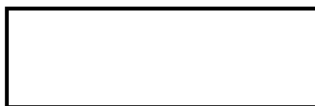
Conduct appropriate investigation at [redacted] in an effort to determine if suspect [redacted] may possibly be D. B. Cooper.

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Puyallup Id:



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DB Cooper-19028

Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

Date 12/8/81

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject : NORJAK

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SEATTLE DIVISION

AT PUYALLUP, WASHINGTON

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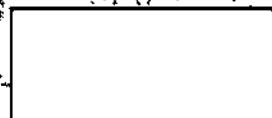
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[Signature]

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UNIVERSAL CITY STUDIOS, INC., 100 UNIVERSAL CITY PLAZA, UNIVERSAL CITY, CA. 91608, 213-985-4321

November 20, 1981

[redacted]
FBI

J. Edgar Hoover FBI Building
Tenth and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20535

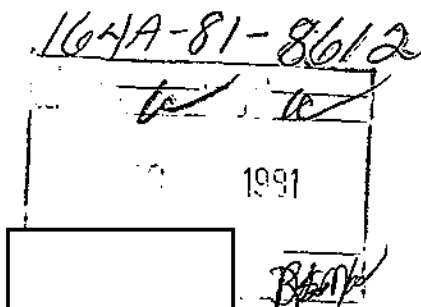
Re: "THE PURSUIT OF D.B. COOPER"

Dear [redacted]

Enclosed for your information is an undated letter from a "d.b. cooper" together with envelope bearing a Philadelphia postmark but no return address, which we have received.



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Enclosure



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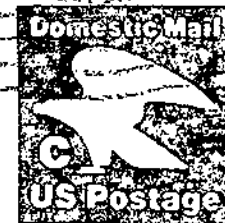
it has been ten years since i took the plunge from flight 305. i never planned on contact but the feeling is probably mutual. while i obviously did not overestimate my abilities, i have underestimated public reaction to the event. instead of a dim memory it seems that the mythmakers have been hard at work. first the cult following, then articles and books, and now a movie. none of which ever broke my silence. but now comes a million dollar reward! perhaps turning myself in would be a wise and profitable decision. i propose that i give myself up if the following conditions are met: i must have assurances that my surrender will qualify for the reward; to that effect i want a joint legal opinion and agreement by the justice department and universal. i will return the money to northwest if they agree to refrain from all future legal proceedings against me. i will plead guilty to a one year punishable misdemeanor to be served at a minimum federal facility; to that effect i want an agreement signed by the attorney general. if this can be done in time i will surrender to the director of the fbi personally on november 24. act quickly. i believe this to be in everyone's best interests, even universal; a million will be a small amount for the unlimited press coverage and curiosity. think it over. if you agree, place a notice in the new york times' personal column reading "come home d.b., all is forgiven" on november 19/8. i will then recontact over specifics. p.s. i would like to offer belated thanks to captain scott and [redacted] for their cool conduct at the time.....

sincerely not yours,

d.b. cooper

the following have been contacted: fbi/ northwest/ universal/ nyt
please contact each other.

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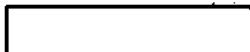
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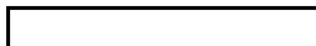
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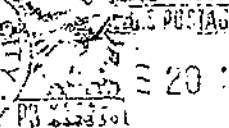
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Washington, D. C. 20535



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AIRTEL

12/7/81

Director, FBI (164-2111)

SACs, Philadelphia (Enclosures 2)
Seattle (164-81) (Enclosures 2)

NORJAK (A);
OO: SEATTLE

ReBuairtel to Philadelphia dated 11/24/81.

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FBIHQ recently received a letter from [redacted] with an undated letter enclosed from unsub using the name "d. b. cooper" together with an envelope bearing a Philadelphia postmark.

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AIRTEL

12/7/81

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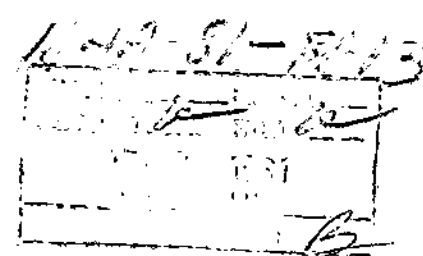
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November 7, 1981

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

Several years ago a man hijacked a plane, parachuted out with some money and was never heard of again. His name was listed as D. B. Cooper.

I recall that some of the money was found and that now he is presumed to be dead.

My reason for writing this letter--I hope that you will not think me foolish--is that several weeks ago I had a dream about this. Actually, it was more as if I just awakened and knew his name. This may not mean anything at all, but I have never known anyone by this name and I am curious about why I would have dreamed this.

The name was

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I have followed this story in the news, but have never really thought a lot about it. I cannot even recall where it happened.

I am just curious about this and whether this could be true. I do believe that dreams are sometimes trying to tell us things.

If you could check this out without too much trouble, I would appreciate it and I would also appreciate your letting me know what your findings are. It would satisfy my curiosity.

Thanking you, I am,

Sincerely,

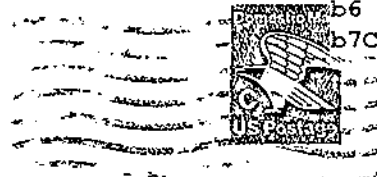
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DB Cooper-19035

[redacted]
Otisco, Indiana
[redacted]



Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Constitution Avenue & 10th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.
20530

CORRESPONDENCE
NOV 13 '61

DB Cooper-19037

TRANSMIT VIA: AIRTEL

CLASSIFICATION: _____

DATE: 12/7/81

✓ FROM: Director, FBI (164-2111)

TO: SACs, Seattle (164-81)
Indianapolis

NORJAK (A)

INFORMATION CONCERNING
OO: SEATTLE

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Enclosed for Seattle is the original envelope and letter dated 5/7/81, addressed to Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Constitution Avenue and 10th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C. 20530. One copy each of the above envelope and letter are enclosed for Indianapolis.

Based on information furnished, Bureau indices negative regarding _____ Otisco, Indiana, and _____

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Above information being set forth for informational purposes.

Enclosures (2)

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Indianapolis

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Enclosures (2)

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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
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☐ CONFIDENTIAL
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Date 12/4/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (164A-417) (ORA) (RUC)

NORJACK;
 CAA - HIJACKING
 (OO: SEATTLE)

Reurtel to Bureau, 11/10/81.

On 11/27/81, [redacted]
 [redacted] Winter Park, Florida, telephone number [redacted] advised
 that he viewed a picture of a D. B. Cooper in the 11/26/81 issue
 of the Orlando Sentinel Star newspaper, and on 11/26/81, while
 at a Sambo's Restaurant, saw an individual closely resembling
 Cooper. [redacted] described the individual as:

Age:	32 to 35 years
Height:	6'0"
Hair:	Brown, with beard and mustache and extremely receding hairline
Weight:	160 to 170 pounds
Build:	Medium
Attire:	Lumberjack type shirt and jeans

[redacted] stated this individual left Sambo's Restaurant in
 a [redacted] Toyota, or Datsun pickup with Florida tag [redacted]
 and the pickup contained [redacted]

On 11/30/81, vehicle registration records of the Depart-
 ment of Motor Vehicles, State of Florida, revealed Florida tag
 [redacted] is registered to a [redacted] Winter
 Park, Florida, and the tag is assigned to a [redacted]

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DB Cooper-19040

TP 164-417

A search of Tampa indices for [REDACTED]
was negative.

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12/4/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (164A-417) (ORA) (RUC)

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Hair:	Brown, with beard and mustache and extremely receding hairline
Weight:	160 to 170 pounds
Build:	Medium
Attire:	Lumberjack type shirt and jeans

[redacted] stated this individual left Sambo's Restaurant in
a [redacted] Toyota, or Datsun pickup with Florida tag [redacted]
and the pickup contained [redacted]

On 11/30/81, vehicle registration records of the Depart-
ment of Motor Vehicles, State of Florida, revealed Florida tag
[redacted] is registered to a [redacted] Winter
Park, Florida, and the tag is assigned to a [redacted]

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DB Cooper-19042

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NORJACK (A)
OO:SEATTLE

DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

Re Bureau airtel to Philadelphia dated 11/24/81.

Since the enclosed note from the Alleged D. B. Cooper set deadlines which had already been exceeded by the time the communication arrived in the Philadelphia Division and since the enclosure contained nothing of an evidentiary nature other than a Philadelphia postmark, no investigation is being conducted by the Philadelphia Division unless otherwise notified by the Bureau or the office of origin.

- 3 - Bureau (164-2111)
- ② - Seattle (164-81)
- 1 - Philadelphia (164-133)

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NORJACK (A)

OO:SEATTLE

DIRECTOR, FBI (104-2111)

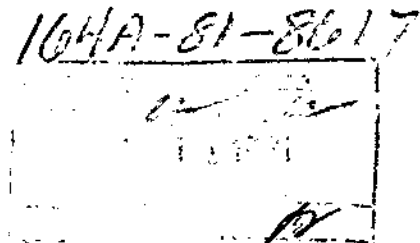
Re Bureau airtel to Philadelphia dated 11/24/61.

Since the enclosed note from the Alleged D. B. Cooper set deadlines which had already been exceeded by the time the communication arrived in the Philadelphia Division and since the enclosure contained nothing of an evidentiary nature other than a Philadelphia postmark, no investigation is being conducted by the Philadelphia Division unless otherwise notified by the Bureau or the office of origin.

- 2 - Bureau (104-2111)
- (2) - Seattle (104-61)
- 1 - Philadelphia (104-133)

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DB Cooper-19045

Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

Date 12/11/81

From : SA [redacted]

Subject : NORJAK

On 12/11/81, [redacted] Seattle Times, advised he was recently called by an individual who identified himself as [redacted]. He stated that he is the individual who is the subject in the captioned matter. [redacted] said that he still has part of the money that he got by hijacking this plane and plans to turn it over to the FBI. [redacted] also said that he has a lawyer here in Seattle who will accompany him to the FBI, but that he also wants a representative of the Seattle Times there.

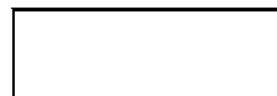
[redacted] was to call [redacted] again on 12/10/81, but did not. [redacted] said that [redacted] sounded quite rational. [redacted] said he did not ask [redacted] any questions concerning the hijacking, nor did he ask him any questions concerning himself. [redacted] said he would contact us if he hears from this individual again.

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FBI/DOJ

[redacted]
Kitchener, Ontario
Canada [redacted]
November 22, 1981

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Roger S. Young
Assistant Director in Charge
Office of Congressional and
Public Affairs
U. S. Department of Justice
FBI
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Young:

We are writing to you to ask you for your assistance in the following matter.

Please see enclosed article. Would you please send us the name of the Airlines that D. B. Cooper skyjacked and took \$200,000 from. Also please send us the name of the president and the address of the Airlines.

We would appreciate this very much. We will look forward to hearing from you about this information at your earliest convenience. Please return the enclosed article with your reply. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

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December 7, 1981

[redacted]
Kitchener, Ontario, Canada
[redacted]

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Dear [redacted]

In reply to your communication of November 22nd, the airlines on which D. B. Cooper was traveling at the time of the skyjacking was Northwest Airlines whose corporate offices are located at the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport, St. Paul, Minnesota 55111. If you have any information relating to this matter, we ask that you contact a representative in the office of our Legal Attache located at the American Embassy, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Your enclosure is being returned as requested.

Sincerely,

Roger S. Young

Roger S. Young
Assistant Director in Charge
Office of Congressional
and Public Affairs

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Date 12/7/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
 FROM: *TCH/PM* SAC, DALLAS (164-1928) (RUC)
 SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
 D. B. Cooper
 CAA - HIJACKING
 OO: SEATTLE

On 12/3/81, [redacted] telephone # [redacted] contacted the Dallas office to advise he had just read a recent news article concerning subject and was amazed when he saw the photograph. [redacted] stated this picture of subject looks just like his [redacted] last known address [redacted] Honolulu, Hawaii, [redacted] telephone # [redacted] advised that [redacted] lived in Germany until about [redacted] and was formerly in the [redacted] described [redacted] as a white male, late 50's to early 60's, about 6', current weight about 180 pounds, former weight about 225 pounds, wife, [redacted] employed as a [redacted] in downtown Honolulu.

Lead to determine if [redacted] is identical to subject is being left to discretion of Seattle.

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 1 - Dallas
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DB Cooper-19049

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12/7/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (164-1928) (RUC)
SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
D. B. Cooper
CAA - HIJACKING
OO: SEATTLE

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Lead to determine if [redacted] is identical to subject is being left to discretion of Seattle.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date 12-8-81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (164-0)

SUBJECT: NORJAK

On 12-3-81, [] (Protect) advised upon looking at the composite drawing of D. B. Cooper, she and her husband felt the drawing looked like a [] whom they knew about 10 years ago while he was in the Air Force at Homestead Air Force Base (AFB), Florida. [] said [] was trained in scuba diving and jumping from helicopters.

She said [] upon leaving Homestead AFB, moved to Jacksonville, Florida, and then later to Denver, Colorado, [].

[] said she had not seen [] in 10 years, but from memory described him as 5'9" to 5'10" tall, very well built, approximately 26 years of age, with blond hair.

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12-3-81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SAC, EL PASO (164-0)
SUBJECT: NORJAK

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Date 12/11/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
 FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) (RUC)
 RE: NORJAK
 OO: SE

Enclosed for SE and PD is one copy each of Ca. license

On 12/8/81, [redacted] who requested her identity be protected, [redacted] Hayfork, Ca., telephonically advised as follows:

She is acquainted with one [redacted] who resided in the Hayfork area. He has advised her [redacted] She stated she never took this seriously until recently when she saw a picture of D. B. Cooper, and [redacted] did look quite similar to the drawing.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] has since moved to Grants Pass, Oregon. She said that he was in Hayfork around Thanksgiving with his leg in a cast.

Sacramento indices negative on [redacted]

On 12/11/81, [redacted] Ca. DMV, made available a copy of Ca. license [redacted] issued to [redacted] born [redacted] License was issued on [redacted] and expired on [redacted] [redacted] is described as a white male, 6'2", 185 lbs., blue eyes, and blond hair. In [redacted] he listed his mailing address as [redacted] Hayfork, with residence listed as [redacted] Hayfork.

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 1 - Portland (info) (enc. 1)
 1 - Sacramento
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[initials]

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DB Cooper-19053

x Airtel

12/11/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) (RUC)
RE: NOBJAK
OO: SE

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- (2) - Seattle (enc. 1) *see 12/12/81*
1 - Portland (info) (enc. 1)
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Date 12/15/81

TO: SAC, SAN DIEGO

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81-8601) (P)

NORJAK;
 CAA - HIJAK;
 OO: SEATTLE

RE:

Enclosed for the San Diego Division is a copy of
 a letter from San Diego, California.

Also enclosed is a letterhead memorandum and two
 artist's conception drawings of unknown subject in this
 matter.

LEADSAN DIEGO DIVISIONAT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

The San Diego Division is requested to interview
 San Diego, California,
 and determine through photos and physical data background
 on

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 12/3/81

[redacted] Hale Koa Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii, telephone [redacted] telephonically advised he has been following the case on D. B. Cooper, who escaped about ten years ago from an airplane over the northwest territory. He advised he was planning to write the Special Agent in Charge of the Portland FBI Office regarding his thoughts in this matter. He stated he was furnishing this information in the event it may be helpful to the FBI.

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[redacted] advised he went to jump school in Fort Benning, Georgia, in [redacted] with a [redacted] and they graduated on [redacted] address at that time was [redacted] Idaho. He and [redacted] graduated on [redacted] from a parachute packing course in Fort Lee, Virginia. He stated he served with [redacted] in Japan from [redacted] [redacted], after which time he [redacted] went on to OCS (Officer Candidate School). He last saw [redacted] in [redacted] at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, when they were both assigned to the [redacted] [redacted] was a [redacted] at that time and [redacted] was an [redacted]

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[redacted] was a free fall skydiver and a member of the Special Warfare Center Parachute Team. [redacted] believed, although he was not sure, that [redacted] was also a member of the Special Warfare Center Parachute Demonstration Team.

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He stated he believed [redacted] could be identical with the D. B. Cooper who disappeared approximately ten years ago. He described [redacted] character as a very dislikable person, meaning that not many people liked him. He would personally characterize [redacted] as a "punk."

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[redacted] stated he has a class picture including [redacted] back in [redacted] and would make it available to the FBI, if necessary.

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[redacted] described [redacted] as a white male, age approximately 47 at the present time, who could pass for a few years younger. He is 5 feet 9-10 inches, 160-165 pounds, light brown hair, short, crewcut.

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Investigation on 11/30/81 at Honolulu, Hawaii File # HN 164-85

by SA(A) [redacted] *EJK* (EJK/keh) Date dictated 12/1/81

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b7CInvestigation on 11/30/81 at Honolulu, Hawaii

by SA(A) [redacted] (EJK/keh)

Date dictated 12/1/81164A-81-8627
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Date 12/9/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
 FROM: *wce/gd* HONOLULU (164A-85) (P*)
 MORJAK (A)
 (OO: Seattle)

Re Seattle letter to Honolulu, 88/22/78.

Enclosed for Seattle Division are the following:

- 1) An original and one copy of self-explanatory FD-302 reflecting interview of [redacted] on 11/30/81.
- 2) Agent's original notes of interview.
- 3) Photo of [redacted] obtained from [redacted] 12/8/81. *Ret. To Honolulu 1/18/82 1A756*
- 4) Xerox of airborne classbook Fort Benning, Georgia (selected pages) Company E, Airborne Class 10 Graduation [redacted] - obtained from [redacted] 12/8/81.
- 5) Xerox of parachute packing class roster Fort Lee, Virginia [redacted] showing [redacted] had attended this school.

Seattle is requested to return photo set out in #3 above when no longer needed, to Honolulu, for return to source.

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 ② - Seattle (Enc. 6) *rec'd*
 1 - Honolulu

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SEATTLE DIVISION

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Will conduct appropriate investigation to identify or
eliminate [redacted] as subject in this case.

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HONOLULU DIVISION

AT HONOLULU, HAWAII

Will return photo of [redacted] to source when
received from Seattle Division.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

Date 12/15/81

From: SAC, CHARLOTTE (164A-219) (RUC)

Subject : NORJAK
CAA

OO: SEATTLE

On 12/8/81 [redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY - BY REQUEST),
[redacted] Raleigh, North Carolina, advised that he
has recently become acquainted with [redacted] of Florida
whom [redacted] said looks similar to the composite photograph
of the unknown subject in this matter. [redacted] said [redacted]
is a [redacted] and otherwise fits the general description
of the unknown subject, except [redacted] is younger than the
unknown subject's estimate age. [redacted] said [redacted] looks
older than he actually is.

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[redacted] said [redacted] pick up truck has Florida license
[redacted] An inquiry of the Florida Department of Motor Vehicles
via the Police Information Network reflects this license is
in the names of [redacted] and [redacted]
Casselberry, Florida, and that [redacted] date of birth
is [redacted]

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The above furnished to Seattle for any action deemed
appropriate.

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RE 1/18/82*

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

Date 12/18/81

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject : NORJACK
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On 12/10/81, attorney [redacted] Everett, Washington, telephone number [redacted] contacted the FBI Resident Agency, Everett, Washington, and advised that he has a client, who he did not want to identify at that time, who he, [redacted] believes knows the identity of the individual the FBI has been looking for named D.B. Cooper. [redacted] advised that this client had prepared a statement of facts concerning what he knew about the individual believed to be D.B. Cooper. In the statement the client identifies the individual he believes to be Cooper as [redacted] a retired [redacted] from the United States Coast Guard who previously operated a company called [redacted], in Everett, Washington. Attorney [redacted] advised that he considered his client, who provided him with the statement, to be a very reliable individual who would not provide this type of information unless it were true. Attorney [redacted] provided the FBI with a copy of the statement prepared by his client and dated 12/7/81, a copy of this statement is attached hereto.

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SA [redacted] advised attorney [redacted] that the FBI would need to know the identity of the individual providing this statement so that possible further information could be obtained. Attorney [redacted] make arrangements for SA [redacted] to meet with his client on 12/14/81.

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On 12/14/81, SA [redacted] met with [redacted] in the office of attorney [redacted] Everett, Washington. [redacted] advised that he resides at [redacted] Everett, Washington, telephone number [redacted] [redacted] advised that his the individual who prepared the statement indicating that he believes [redacted] to be the individual called D.B. Cooper. [redacted] was asked why he never came forward with this information sooner and he replied that he had been interviewed in 1974, by FBI agent [redacted] regarding this matter. He advised that at that time he was afraid to provide [redacted] with a lot of the detail in this matter as he was afraid of a possible lawsuit. He advised that SA [redacted] had obtained information from an anonymous source that had overheard [redacted] and another individual discussing this matter in a bar. As a result of this anonymous source providing this information [redacted] was contacted by the FBI.

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[] advised that he was told by SA [] that it was very unlikely [] would have been the individual calling himself D.B. Cooper in view of the fact that [] is supposedly 6'2½" to 6'3". [] acknowledge that he did in fact tell SA [] that [] was at least 6'3". [] acknowledged that he did not encourage SA [] to believe that [] could have been D.B. Cooper because, as he stated before, he was afraid that [] might try to sue him. [] advised that he feels at this point he should come forward with all of the information that he knows and he has set forth this information in the attached statement.

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[] advised that he saw the composite drawing of the individual called D.B. Cooper recently in the newspapers and also seen the composite drawing in the past. He advised that the individual he knew as [] very closely resembles this composite drawing.

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[] advised that he does not know the current whereabouts of [] who he referred to in the attached statement as a close associate of []. He advised that [] would be more than likely still be closely associated with []. He advised that the only individuals that he knows who also may be able to verify some of the information he has in his statement are [] and [] who he identifies in the attached statement and provides an address for them.

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It is recommended that the above information and the attached statement be reviewed by the Seattle case agent to determine if a suspect file should be opened up on [] in this matter and for appropriate leads.

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December 7, 1981

To the Federal Bureau of Investigation

Because of things I have observed I believe that [redacted] retired [redacted] of the United States Coast Guard, is the the person who called himself D.B. Cooper and hijacked a plane in 1971.

In 1969 to 1971, [redacted] was [redacted] for a company called [redacted] in Everett, Wa. I was a [redacted] for the company. Bad times came and they couldn't pay me or their people. They were going broke! [redacted] had guarenteed his partners that they wouldn't lose their money invested.

I was working in a basement, finishing it out, and overheard this plot. [redacted] and two other men were asking [redacted] what he was going to do as they had lost all their money. He started explaining that he was going to Hijack a 727 in Portland (so people would think he lived there) and make them fly to Seattle, where he would show a bomb. He said he was going to ask for \$200,000 and four parachutes. He also said he would make them fly with 15 degrees flaps so they would be so busy they couldn't stop him. He explained he would bail out the emergency shoot on a stormy night so they couldn't follow him. [redacted] said he would help and meet [redacted] in the mountains.

About a month later, [redacted] and his wife bought a [redacted] They called it their get-a-way car.

One day he asked me to [redacted] I did. When they returned He asked me [redacted] I told him what I knew [redacted] He asked if [redacted] I told him if it [redacted], it could. The next day he said [redacted] I told him I [redacted] I also told him that [redacted] had some. [redacted] went to him and [redacted]

One day a guy bailed out of a plane over our job. [redacted]

[redacted] He said [redacted] and I did. [redacted] Later [redacted] said some guy hurt his leg. The next monday, [redacted] asked [redacted] what he was doing taking jumping lessons. He had seen [redacted] taking sky-diving lessons from a guy in Snohomish Airport. [redacted] said He had gotten intersted because it was fun. The money had gotten slower, we had not been paid in six weeks. [redacted] felt bad about it. He said we would get paid from the last draw. When the time came for the last draw the bank had taken out their interest and there was no money to pay us with. [redacted] was hurt, He said, [redacted]

[redacted] was a person that hated to walk. He rode a motorcycle around the housing tract. Toward the end he had started walking everywhere he went. I asked him why and he said [redacted] He also went on a [redacted]

[redacted] He had always worn a crew cut and he let his hair grow out. He started smoking. I aksed him why. He said, "[redacted]"

[redacted] One day he asked me [redacted] I said I didn't know. But, I thought that [redacted] I came to the office one day and [redacted] had a black suit over a thermal suit. He asked his wife if it showed. [redacted] He said he'd [redacted]

DB Cooper-19071

Just [redacted] came to me and [redacted]
[redacted] I was puzzled. After [redacted] and was working on
my own job he called me and needed me to do a job for him. [redacted]
and when [redacted] His hair was
longer and he had treated it with something so it wouldn't be gray anymore.
He was smoking. I said what are you doing this for. His reply was, [redacted]
[redacted] They are [redacted] I told him
[redacted] He laughed.
[redacted] would drive to different parts of town and try to
talk to each other on their walkie talkies they had gotten. [redacted]

[redacted] I overheard a talk from [redacted] about a sky
diver who hit his target from 7500 ft. [redacted] asked him at what speed and [redacted]
said 150 mph. [redacted] said Good.

[redacted] had kept his blue brief case for years, about 20 years, he was very
proud of it. [redacted] I was suprised. He had bought a new one. b6
It was black about 2 ft long and 8 in. thick. It had rounded corners. He told b7C
me [redacted] when I questioned him about it.
[redacted] would never let anyone take his picture. One day at word he grabbed
and broke some guy's camera that was about to take his picture.. The large
picture that I saw recently in the newspaper looks like him at the last time I
saw him.

[redacted] brought a record player to work and was listening to b6

[redacted] She was studying 8 hours a day. She told me [redacted] b7C

[redacted] IN 1972, I called [redacted] of Continental Mortgage Inc.

(Banker for Silver Crest Homes) to see if he had a phone number for [redacted]

He gave a number in Los Angeles. It was for [redacted] I think.

I called the number and asked for [redacted] When he answered the phone I asked him
for a job. He said they [redacted]

[redacted] I asked him why.

He said [redacted] I said, "[redacted]
[redacted] He went silent and I was puzzled because he couldn't talk. so I said,

[redacted] He hung up. The next week I called back and was told
that [redacted] had left town and didn't leave any forwarding address.

I am sure that [redacted] did the hijacking job ten years ago.
I don't know if you can find him or convict him, but I know for sure that he is
D.B. Cooper. I believe he bailed out before he reached the mountains and is
living in Mexico and can be found through his retirement checks from the
Coast Guard.

Ten years ago, [redacted] was about 48 years old. He had spent 30 years in b6
the Coast Guard. He was a pilot and had flown many large aircraft. He was b7C
trained in rescue work of all kinds.

Adresses of people mentioned in the above account:

[redacted] Lk Stevens, Wa. [redacted]

[redacted] Everett, Wa Ph. [redacted]

[redacted] Lynnwood, Wa [redacted]

Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

Date 12/18/81

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject : NORJACK
00: SEATTLE

On 12/10/81, attorney [redacted] Everett, Washington, telephone number [redacted] contacted the FBI Resident Agency, Everett, Washington, and advised that he has a client, who he did not want to identify at that time, who he, [redacted] believes knows the identity of the individual the FBI has been looking for named D.B. Cooper. [redacted] advised that this client had prepared a statement of facts concerning what he knew about the individual believed to be D.B. Cooper. In the statement the client identifies the individual he believes to be Cooper as [redacted], a retired [redacted] from the United States Coast Guard who previously operated a company called [redacted], in Everett, Washington. Attorney [redacted] advised that he considered his client, who provided him with the statement, to be a very reliable individual who would not provide this type of information unless it were true. Attorney [redacted] provided the FBI with a copy of the statement prepared by his client and dated 12/7/81, a copy of this statement is attached hereto.

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SA [redacted] advised attorney [redacted] that the FBI would need to know the identity of the individual providing this statement so that possible further information could be obtained. Attorney [redacted] make arrangements for SA [redacted] to meet with his client on 12/14/81.

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On 12/14/81, SA [redacted] met with [redacted] in the office of attorney [redacted] Everett, Washington. [redacted] advised that he resides at [redacted] Everett, Washington, telephone number [redacted] advised that his the individual who prepared the statement indicating that he believes [redacted] to be the individual called D.B. Cooper. [redacted] was asked why he never came forward with this information sooner and he replied that he had been interviewed in 1974, by FBI agent [redacted] regarding this matter. He advised that at that time he was afraid to provide [redacted] with a lot of the detail in this matter as he was afraid of a possible lawsuit. He advised that SA [redacted] had obtained information from an anonymous source that had overheard [redacted] and another individual discussing this matter in a bar. As a result of this anonymous source providing this information [redacted] was contacted by the FBI.

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☐ Teletype
☐ Facsimile
☒ Airtel

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

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☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
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Date 12/11/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
 FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (164A-244) (RUC)

NORJAK

CAA - HIJACKING (A) 1/1: 169-
 OO: Seattle

Re Las Vegas airtel to Oklahoma City, 10/1/81.

After numerous negative attempts were made to contact

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 be taken seriously. She did not feel that any of the information
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 [redacted] who thinks that he can not only furnish valuable
 information regarding all the major unsolved crimes in the U. S.,
 but that he can solve same.

In view of the above, no contact will be made with

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 2 - Portland (164-41)
 1 - Oklahoma City
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DB Cooper-19077

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☒ Airtel

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☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

Date 12/14/81

From : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164A-497) (C-1) (RUC)

Subject : NORJACK;
CAA - HIJACKING
OO: Seattle

Re Bureau teletype to all field offices dated 11/10/81.

On 11/17/81, [redacted] Covina, California, telephone [redacted] telephonically inquired regarding the possibility of a reward regarding the identity of D.B. COOPER. [redacted] then provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that she has observed an artist drawing published in the local newspaper of D.B. COOPER. She advised that the drawing strongly resembles an individual she knows as [redacted]

[redacted] advised [redacted] is an [redacted] having previously worked for Aerojet in Azusa, California. [redacted] sold his former residence in Covina, California, at [redacted] approximately one year ago, and moved with his wife, [redacted] to Portland, Oregon.

[redacted] advised [redacted] told her before he moved that he had been involved in an accident several years ago receiving injuries to his legs, and teeth, however, he is able to walk without a noticeable limp. She thought possibly the injuries could have been received by parachuting.

She also stated that in conversation with [redacted] he has commented that he knows the area around the Columbia River like the back of his hand. She advised she got the impression that [redacted] was raised in the area. He also told her that after he had his accident, type of accident not mentioned, that he went to Vancouver, Canada, during his period of recuperation.

- ② - Seattle (enc. 1) rec'd 6
① - Los Angeles (see 12/7/81)

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*Physical desc.
does not match
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DB Cooper-19079

[redacted] thought [redacted] to live beyond his means while living in the Covina, California, area, and mentioned that in addition to his house in Covina he also [redacted] in the area. He also bought a new [redacted] just before he and his wife moved away. His house in Covina sold for approximately [redacted]. The [redacted] handling the sale of the residence was [redacted] a Coldwell Banker Realtor, business telephone [redacted] and residence telephone [redacted].

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] was a very meticulous individual and she described how he loaded empty boxes in his station wagon to see how they would stack and how much he could haul before he filled the boxes and moved to the Portland area. She described [redacted] as follows:

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Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5'8" - 5'9"
Hair	Brown, straight, short
Facial hair	None
Eyes	Brown
Age	[redacted]

On November 19, 1981, a drivers license check was conducted with the California Department of Motor Vehicles which revealed that [redacted] white male, date of birth [redacted] resided at [redacted] Covina, California, on 6/6/79. He is described as follows:

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Sex	Male
Height	5'8"
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
California Drivers License Number	[redacted]

California driver's license photograph ~~has been~~ ATTACHED. requested, however, due to the apparent difference in height as reported by [redacted] and that listed on his California driver's license. No further investigation is being conducted by the Los Angeles Division WAC by Seattle. Drivers license photograph will be forwarded to Seattle by separate communication.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

Date 12/14/81

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② - Seattle (ENCL. 1)
① - Los Angeles *see 1A(758)*

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DB Cooper-19081

Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

Date 12/23/81

From : SAC, ANCHORAGE (164A-227) (RUC)

Subject : NORJACK
CAA-HIJACKING
(OO: SE)

On 12/15/81, [redacted] Seward, Alaska, no telephone, who is employed as a [redacted] at local bars, advised that in September or October, 1977, he and his wife were employed as [redacted] at the [redacted] (Phonetic) Apple Orchards just south of Parkdale, Oregon. [redacted] said he had a conversation with a [redacted] who seemed to know a lot about the D.B. Cooper hijacking and claimed to have been a paratrooper in the Army. The man seemed knowledgeable about airplanes and claimed that the money received by Cooper was not marked. Following [redacted] conversation with the man, the man claimed to be ill and never came back to the job.

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[redacted] said the individual was a white male, 35 - 40 years of age, 6' tall, 180 - 190 pounds, with dark hair. The man worked with [redacted] at the Dee Flats, Oregon, chipboard mill, and said he had been raised by [redacted] who lived off of [redacted] which is off of [redacted] Oregon.

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The above information is being furnished for whatever action may be deemed necessary by Seattle.

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is not old enough
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1 - Anchorage

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SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

12/23/81

SAC, ANCHORAGE (164A-227) (RUC)

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CAA-HIJACKING
(OO: SE)

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1 - Anchorage

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DB Cooper-19084

Dec. 2, 1981

F. B. I.
Washington D.C.

In re: D. B. Cooper

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is an article which appeared in the November 29, 1981
WATERLOO COURIER, Waterloo, Iowa.

This looks like [redacted] formerly of Shell Rock, Iowa.
[redacted] would be about 46 years old now. He joined the Marines
in [redacted] and completed his highschool education in the
service.

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He was a paratrooper and I believe taught this in the service.
I imagine he has retired from the service. I do not know where
he lives.

His [redacted] still lives in
Shell Rock. Her address is [redacted] Her phone [redacted]

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I do not want any publicity for myself or my family if [redacted]
should be the person you are looking for. I will take the reward.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Shell Rock, Iowa [redacted]

phone [redacted]

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P.S. I think his parents, [redacted] are still both
alive and live in Shell Rock. However they are old and have
been in ill health for years. Address- [redacted]

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(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

12A Waterloo Courier
Waterloo, IA.

Date: 11/29/81

Edition:

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Legend of D.B. Cooper still alive after 10 years

SEATTLE (AP) — D.B. Cooper, who jumped into legend by jumping out of the back of a jetliner and vanishing with \$200,000, probably was an aging, stumbling crook with nothing left to lose, says the man who tracked the myth for a decade.

Dressed only in a dark business suit, white shirt, narrow tie and loafers, Cooper disappeared literally into thin air the night of Nov. 24, 1971, somewhere over southwest Washington. He parachuted out the back of a Northwest Airlines Boeing 727, with 10,000 \$20 bills in a bank bag strapped to his body.

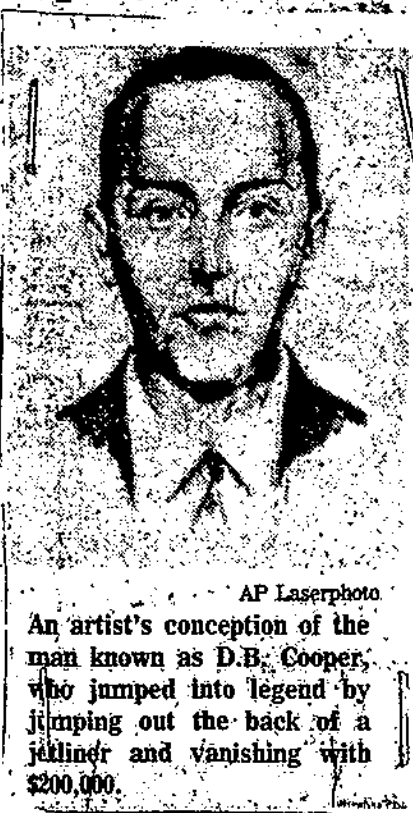
He became the first, and only, "successful" parachute skyjacker in American history. His notoriety helped lead to elaborate airport security systems and redesign of the Boeing 727 jetliner so the rear door can't be opened in flight.

"IT'S CONJECTURE, but I think he was a stupid, desperate rascal, a brutal, unscrupulous man who endangered the lives of more than 40 people for money and caused his own death," says Ralph Himmelsbach, the FBI agent assigned to the Cooper case before he retired last year.

"He was very likely an ex-con who was going to make one last, desperate go for the big one," the 56-year-old Himmelsbach said. "If he made it fine. If not, he probably felt he had very little to lose."

The FBI feels Cooper's skeleton lies crumpled in the thick forests of southwest Washington. Conceivably, agents say, Cooper is buried under tons of volcanic ash because 150 square miles of the search area was coated by Mount St. Helens' eruption last year.

But no one can prove Cooper isn't



AP Laserphoto

An artist's conception of the man known as D.B. Cooper, who jumped into legend by jumping out the back of a jetliner and vanishing with \$200,000.

Title:

Character:

or

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Submitting Office:

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living a smug life of anonymity somewhere, enjoying the profits of his air piracy.

The case remains the FBI's only major unsolved skyjacking — and his disappearing act is celebrated in twangy song, T-shirts, an annual celebration in the tiny town of Ariel, Wash., and a new movie.

TO PUBLICIZE the movie, "The Pursuit of D.B. Cooper," Universal Studios offered \$1 million for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Cooper, who's name probably wasn't even Cooper. The studio still has the money.

His start as a folk hero began when a "Dan Cooper" bought a one-way ticket on Northwest Airlines Flight 305 from Portland, Ore., to Seattle.

Moments after takeoff, Cooper handed a stewardess a hand-written note, announcing the skyjacking and demanding \$200,000 and four parachutes. He also opened his briefcase and showed her what she later said looked like a bomb.

Instructions were radioed to the ground and, while the plane circled Seattle-Tacoma Airport, money and parachutes were rounded up. Cooper chain-smoked filter-tipped cigarettes and bought and sipped two bourbon-and-water highballs during the negotiations.

In Seattle, the 36 passengers and two stewardesses got off, while one stewardess and three cockpit crewmen stayed aboard. Cooper became fidgety as refueling took too long and told the stewardess, "Let's get this circus on the road."

THE PLANE took off for Reno, Nev., at 7:37 p.m., while a storm raged outside. Cooper was alone in the passenger section and the crew remained in the cockpit. At 8:11 p.m., the crew noticed a drop in cabin pressure, indicating the plane's rear door was opened.

FBI agents who scrambled aboard in Reno found no trace of Cooper — and a legend was born.

In February 1960, an 8-year-old boy, crickling with his family along the Columbia River west of Vancouver, Wash., unearthed packets of rotting \$20 bills from the sand, which turned out to be \$5,880 of Cooper's loot.

A hunter on a road near Castle Rock found a placard which wind had ripped from the wall of the plane's stairwell when Cooper jumped, Himmelsbach said.

He said Cooper bailed out while the plane was traveling at almost 200 mph at 10,000 feet, where the temperature was minus 7 and the wind chill factor a minus 69 on a raw and stormy night.

COOPER JUMPED with two parachutes — an emergency chute in front that was "by simple, honest error" defective, and a small sport

chute in back that would land a novice sky-diver "fast and hard," Himmelsbach said.

He insists the FBI did not plot to sabotage the jump because "we don't have the right to sentence anyone to death and what would have happened if he took a hostage?"

Some people like to think Cooper

lives, such as sponsors of the annual "D.B. Cooper Festival" in Ariel, a town of two buildings near where Cooper is thought to have jumped. Once a year hundreds of people crowd into the Ariel Store and Tavern to buy T-shirts, swill beer and trade Cooper theories.

"I think he got away because they

didn't find anything but the money and who's to say he didn't drop it to lead them off the trail," says Laura Fisher, who owns the store-tavern with her husband, Dave, president of the D.B. Cooper Fan Club.

Who's to say, indeed?

After 10 years of searching, "We know 1,000 people who he isn't and 1,000 places where he didn't land," says Dave Hill, FBI spokesman in Seattle.

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☐ Teletype
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PRECEDENCE:

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Date 12/31/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
 FROM: SAC, OMAHA (164-325) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJACK;
 CAA-HIJACKING;
 OO: SEATTLE

Re Director teletype, 11/19/81.

Enclosed for Seattle is a copy of a letter dated
 12/2/81, signed by [redacted]

Per instruction in referenced teletype no investigation
 will be conducted at this time within the Omaha Division. Omaha
 indices negative re look-alike of unsub Cooper.

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12/31/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SAC, OMAHA (164-325) (P)
SUBJECT: NORJACK
CAR-HIJACKING;
OO: SEATTLE

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DB Cooper-19089

Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81-8600)

Date January 8, 1982

From :

SA [redacted]

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Subject :

UNSUB, aka
NORJAK
CAA- HIJACKING

Attached for use of Tacoma Agent handling lead is copy of San Francisco airtel to Seattle, dated November 18, 1981, and composite photographs of UNSUB.

LEADS:

SEATTLE DIVISION

At Tacoma, Washington

Conduct background investigation on [redacted]
aka [redacted] to determine if identical to UNSUB.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81-8600)

Date January 8, 1982

From :

SA [REDACTED]

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Subject : UNSUB, aka
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At Tacoma, Washington

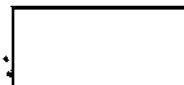
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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81-8600)

Date January 8, 1982

From : SA [REDACTED]

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Subject : UNSUB, aka
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Date 1/5/82

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
 FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJACK
 OO: SEATTLE

On 12/1/81, [redacted]
 [redacted] South Lake Tahoe, California advised that after reading the newspaper article regarding Universal Studios offering \$1 million for information leading to the arrest and conviction of D. B. Cooper, she decided to furnish the following information to the FBI. [redacted] advised that D. B. Cooper is in reality Melvin Cooper, an individual who is last known to be employed by the U. S. Forest Service in the Bakersfield, California area. She advised that [redacted] however, the location of [redacted] is unknown.

[redacted] advised that approximately twelve years ago she met Melvin Cooper at a friends home in [redacted] California. [redacted] stated that she did not wish to furnish the names of friends and that in no way wanted her friends involved in any investigation regarding Melvin Cooper. [redacted] stated that Melvin Cooper served in the U. S. Marine Corps, was a helicopter pilot, a parachutist and a "daredevil." She stated that Cooper attended Oregon State University and had friends in the states of Oregon and Washington. She noted that Cooper at one time was employed by the Gallo Glass Factory in Modesto, California.

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New Subj: MELVIN COOPER

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[] advised that during the hijacking period Cooper disappeared from her friend's home in [] California and was gone several days. Upon his return, to the [] California area, he told everyone that he wanted to celebrate and that he felt so terrific. [] noted a this time Cooper had a substantial amount of money. According to [] Cooper bragged to her friends in [] California that he perpetrated captioned skyjacking and that because of their fear for Cooper they have never said anything about Melvin Cooper.

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[] advised that Cooper also served in Viet Nam and that he married a [] who had a []

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[] advised that she has been around Cooper during his trips to Tahoe and that during these trips Cooper has spent a considerable amount of money gambling and drinking. She stated that Cooper [] who is employed for the Forest Service in Reno, Nevada and that he was also involved in the hijacking. According to [] [] was waiting for him near Reno and after the skyjacking [] picked Melvin up and made good their escape. Cooper has bragged to [] [] California that he had thrown out some of the money that was subsequently found by a small boy in the Oregon area just to make it look like he had died.

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On 12/28/81, [] telephonically contacted the Sacramento Division and advised that she had recently learned from her friends in [] California that Melvin Cooper was employed in a helicopter rescue business located in the Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, California area and that he had died approximately five or six months ago in a helicopter crash. She stated that the crash was a result of his employment and that he was returning from Santa Barbara with a patient when this helicopter crashed into the side of a hill.

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Efforts to locate a driver's license for Melvin Cooper in the Sacramento Division has been negative.

It is noted that [] will not identify her friends in [] California and has requested that they not be contacted by the FBI.

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described Melvin Cooper as follows:

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Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5'8" to 5'9"
Build	Rather stocky
Eyes	Piercing dark brown eyes
Facial characteristics	Long slender nose

The above is being furnished for the review of the Seattle office.

Seattle is requested to advise whether or not additional investigation desired.

A & D

[REDACTED]
ATTORNEY AT LAW
718 STATE STREET
SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK 12307
TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

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December 30, 1981

[REDACTED]
San Francisco, California [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

My purpose in writing is two-fold.

First, a while ago a client of mine wrote me a letter regarding an acquaintance of hers, [REDACTED] alias [REDACTED] who apparently could have been involved in the Northwest Air Lines robbery in 1971. Rather than synopsising her information I have included a photo copy thereof. Her observations are interesting and I can think of no other way of informally inquiring into their validity than through your office.

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I believe that she is interested in finding out if a reward is available, assuming her information is correct. Naturally this is one reason for the confidentiality of my request, other than the obvious potential civil liabilities.

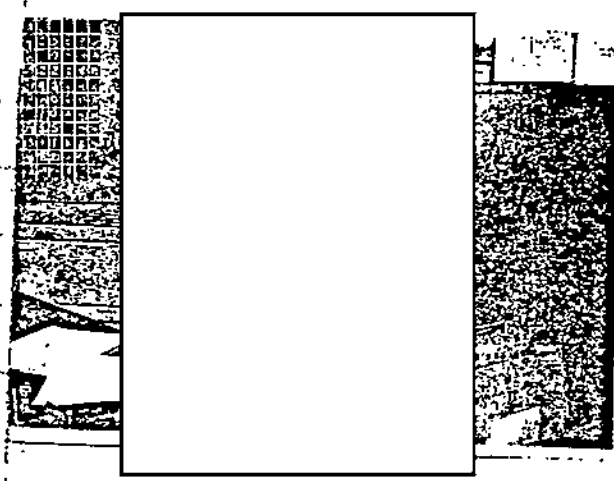
The other matter I am interested in is the purchase of the Nicoll-Sill House, otherwise known as the Bethlehem House, an historic 1735 structure located in the Town of Bethlehem. Since the structure is on the National Historic Register, it is entitled to a 25% first year investment tax credit to persons buying into a limited partnership for the purpose of purchase and restoration. Additionally, limited partners would be entitled to a proportionate share of the 15-year depreciation available to historic structures under the new tax act, and also a share of the deductions available through the conveyance of a facade easement, by the limited partners, to the Town of Bethlehem. Losses also would be deductible. For example, an investment of \$20,000. would yield during tax year 1982 a \$5,000. tax credit as a start, and, depending upon the total amount invested in the structure (probably \$60,000.), a significant depreciation number. If I can secure an appropriate appraisal stating that the highest and best use of the site is for light industrial purposes, the value of the facade easement (which would limit the building's use substantially) becomes readily apparent. The 5 acre site is adjacent to the Town

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1971

HAD HOPED TO HAVE A RECENT
PHOTO OF HIM TO INSERT HERE.
HAIR IS NOW VERY GRAY, HIS EYES
ARE MORE PROTRUDING AND HE
IS GETTING A BIT OBESE. HE LOOKS
MORE LIKE 69 THAN 49.

HGT. 6'1"
WT 220 LBS.

AGE

MARRIED

EMPLOYED BY TEXAS IN-
STRUMENTS OF DALLAS, TX

PRESENT ADDRESS (3 YRS)

GARLAND, TEXAS

OLD ADDRESS

GARLAND

GRADUATED FROM VOORHEESVILLE

ATTENDED UNION COLLEGE

ENLISTED IN AIR FORCE

WANTED TO BE PILOT BUT PHYSICALLY UNFIT
BASED IN COLORADO - BECAME PILOT INSTRUCTOR
BASIC TRAINING AT SAMPSON, NY.

AN AVID PARACHUTIST; FAVORITE ON SURVIVAL. ONCE
TOLD US HE COULD NEVER GET LOST OR DIE OF
EXPOSURE.

RECEIVED MEDICAL DISCHARGE [REDACTED]

REMAINED IN MILITARY RESERVES FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

HELD NUMBER OF POSITIONS BETWEEN [REDACTED]

EMPLOYED BY TEXAS INSTRUMENTS 1964

RECEIVED SKILLED TRAINING IN INFRA-RED
EQUIPMENT AND ITS USES.

COMPANY IN COOPERATION W/ U.S. MILITARY SENT

HIM TO FRANCE IN [REDACTED] TO TRAIN AMERICAN

AND ALLIED PERSONNEL IN USE OF INFRA-RED

AND ITS VALUES FOR W/TE FLYING, INFILTRATION
AND OBSERVATION OF ENEMY TROOPS.

COMPANY SENT HIM TO VIETNAM IN [REDACTED] TO

TRAIN & OBSERVE ALLIED FORCES THERE FOR

SAME REASON AS ABOVE.

ON ONE OF THESE ABOVE SOJOURNS, HE ACQUIRED
A FOREIGN-MADE REVOLVER. (THINK IT CAME FROM
FRANCE)

DURING [REDACTED] HE DID FIELD WORK OF SOME

SORT FOR T.I. IN DENVER, COLO. AND SEATTLE,
WASH.

(TOLD US OF HIS MANY SPARE HOURS SPENT
HUNTING, BOATING & HIKING IN WYOMING.)

- 1- KIDNAPPING OCCURRED 11-22-71 AT THE POINT OF A GUN.
- 2- IN SEATTLE, J. B. COOPER RECEIVED \$200,000 IN UNMARKED \$20 BILLS FROM NORTHWEST AIRLINES.
- 3- THE MONEY WAS STRAPPED TO HIS WAIST.
- 4- HE PARACHUTED FROM THE REAR DOOR OF PLANE - A BOEING 727 JET.

☐ CAME HOME TO TEXAS FOR THANKSGIVING '71. HE COMPLAINED OF NOT FEELING WELL. TWO DAYS LATER HE WAS TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL VERY ILL.

DIAGNOSIS - RUPTURED SPLEEN

HE COMES NORTH ABOUT EVERY 2-3 YRS. TO VISIT HIS PARENTS. HIS LAST VISIT WAS IN OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR. INADVERTANTLY, I LEARNED HE WAS CARRYING (IN A CASE) A LARGE NUMBER OF \$20 BILLS!

THE TEXAS HOUSE IN WHICH HE NOW LIVES HAS BEEN NEWLY CONSTRUCTED WITHIN THE LAST 3-4 YEARS. FROM THE BLUEPRINTS SHOWN US AND PICTURES OF THE LANDSCAPING THE COST MUST HAVE BEEN WELL INTO SIX FIGURES.

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Date 1/7/82

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

FROM: *WPA/h* SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164A-220) (RUC) (SQ. 10)

SUBJECT: NORJAK;
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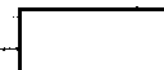
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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81-1655) (P)

Date 1/11/82

From : SA [redacted]

Subject : NORJACK
OO: SEATTLE

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Re Seattle memo of SA [redacted] dated December 18, 1981.

Attached to this memo is a copy of the memo of SA [redacted] along with information furnished by [redacted]

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According to referenced memo, SA [redacted] personally talked to [redacted] on December 14, 1981, in the office of Attorney [redacted] Everett, Washington.

LEADS:

SEATTLE DIVISION

AT EVERETT, WASHINGTON

1. A criminal check on [redacted] should be conducted in addition to [redacted]

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2. If [redacted] appears mentally sound in opinion of SA [redacted], background investigation on [redacted] and [redacted] should be conducted to include contacts with people through [redacted] and Continental Mortgage, Inc., and at the Snohomish County Airport in an effort to develop background data and physical data on [redacted] and any indication as to his possible whereabouts.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

Date 12/18/81

From :

SA [redacted]

Subject :

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On 12/10/81, attorney [redacted] Everett, Washington, telephone number [redacted] contacted the FBI Resident Agency, Everett, Washington, and advised that he has a client, who he did not want to identify at that time, who he, [redacted], believes knows the identity of the individual the FBI has been looking for named D.B. Cooper. [redacted] advised that this client had prepared a statement of facts concerning what he knew about the individual believed to be D.B. Cooper. In the statement the client identifies the individual he believes to be Cooper as [redacted], a retired [redacted] from the United States Coast Guard who previously operated a company called [redacted] in Everett, Washington. Attorney [redacted] advised that he considered his client, who provided him with the statement, to be a very reliable individual who would not provide this type of information unless it were true. Attorney [redacted] provided the FBI with a copy of the statement prepared by his client and dated 12/7/81, a copy of this statement is attached hereto.

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SA [redacted] advised attorney [redacted] that the FBI would need to know the identity of the individual providing this statement so that possible further information could be obtained. Attorney [redacted] make arrangements for SA [redacted] to meet with his client on 12/14/81.

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On 12/14/81, SA [redacted] met with [redacted] in the office of attorney [redacted] Everett, Washington. [redacted] advised that he resides at [redacted] Everett, Washington, telephone number [redacted] advised that his the individual who prepared the statement indicating that he believes [redacted] to be the individual called D.B. Cooper. [redacted] was asked why he never came forward with this information sooner and he replied that he had been interviewed in 1974, by FBI agent [redacted] regarding this matter. He advised that at that time he was afraid to provide [redacted] with a lot of the detail in this matter as he was afraid of a possible lawsuit. He advised that SA [redacted] had obtained information from an anonymous source that had overheard [redacted] and another individual discussing this matter in a bar. As a result of this anonymous source providing this information [redacted] was contacted by the FBI.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81-1655) (P)

Date 1/11/82

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject : NORJACK
OO: SEATTLE

Re Seattle memo of SA [redacted], dated December 18, 1981.

Attached to this memo is a copy of the memo of SA [redacted], along with information furnished by [redacted]

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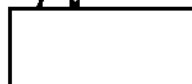
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To : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81-1655) (P)

Date 1/11/82

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject : NORJACK
OO: SEATTLE

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Date 1/19/82

TO: SAC, HONOLULU (164A-85)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)
NORJAK (A)
OO: SEATTLE

1 Re Honolulu airtel to Seattle dated 12/9/81.

Enclosed for Honolulu is one photograph of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] which is being returned per request of Honolulu in referenced airtel.

[REDACTED] has been eliminated as suspect due to age and physical.

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Date 1/19/82

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OO: SEATTLE

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Date 1/19/82

TO: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164A-50)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

NORJAK

OO: SEATTLE SUSPECT: MELVIN COOPER

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2 - Seattle (164A-81)
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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE

Date 1/11/82

From *[Handwritten: HWC]* SAC, MILWAUKEE (164A-36-84A)

Subject : UNSUB, aka ✓
D. B. Cooper
CAA - HIGHJACKING

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In 1966, she became acquainted with a [redacted] USAF, assigned to Truax Field, Madison at that time, whom she believes looked like Unsub. She recalls [redacted] was transferred in May or June, 1966, but she does not remember to where. [redacted] came originally from the Seattle-Tacoma, Washington, area. He had been in the Air Force approximately 12 years in 1966 and may have been 35 years old.

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She described [redacted] as a white male, 140 to 150 pounds, sandy brown hair, 5'10", blue eyes, had a "crooked" smile.

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Date 12/21/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
 FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK;
 (OO: Seattle)

Re Bureau teletype to all offices 11/10/81.

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[redacted] advised he had not seen this individual for 15 years but knew of him when they were growing in the Myrtle Point, Oregon, area. Additionally, this individual moved to the State of Washington to reside with his grandmother and served as an Army helicopter pilot in Vietnam. Initially he looked like the composite drawing of the subject in captioned matter.

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On 11/30/81 [redacted] (Supra), furnished the name of the individual he feels is identical to the subject in

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captioned matter as [redacted] No further description
of [redacted] was furnished.

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The above information is furnished to Seattle
for evaluation and all leads are left to the discretion of
Seattle Office.

Investigation continuing.

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DB Cooper-19124

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12/21/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41) (P)
SUBJECT: NORJAK;
(OO: Seattle)

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DB Cooper-19125

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☐ Routine

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☐ CONFIDENTIAL
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Date 1/15/82

TO: SAC, SEATTLE

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) (RUC) (SJRA)

SUBJECT: NORJACK

Enclosed for Seattle are a mug photograph of [redacted]
 [redacted] Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department booking
 sheet for [redacted] dated 6/29/81 and photocopy of letter provided
 by [redacted]

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 letter from [redacted] San Jose,
 California [redacted] indicating that she might have some information
 concerning D. B. Cooper. [redacted] was contacted at her residence
 on 1/8/82 at which time she provided the following information
 with the understanding that her identity be protected:

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 that he was released from the jail shortly after she met him.
 Following the recent television program concerning D.B. Cooper and
 the display of the composite sketches of him, she felt that she
 should bring to the attention of the FBI the resemblance between
 [redacted] and Cooper. She also provided a photocopy of a letter given
 to her by [redacted] The letter, enclosed for Seattle, is not very
 clear and is somewhat disjointed. [redacted] noted that in conversation
 with [redacted] However, she
 was impressed with his knowledge of aviation and airplanes.

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 [redacted] As noted on the arrest sheet, [redacted] is a [redacted]
 who was arrested for [redacted] Apparently the matter was

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dismissed as no disposition is shown on the booking sheet. No additional information concerning [redacted] is available at the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department and no effort is being made to locate him by the San Jose Resident Agency at this time.

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The above is provided to Seattle for review and should it appear that additional investigation is required, appropriate leads should be set forth.

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☐ Priority
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Date 1/15/82

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1/18/82

TO: SAC, SPRINGFIELD

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (164-797) (PUC) (SQUAD 3)

MURKIN;

CAA-HIJACKING (A);

OO:SEATTLE

For the information of Springfield, on 11/10/81, [redacted] voluntarily appeared at the Chicago Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and advised that he [redacted] at Stateville Penitentiary. [redacted] is described as follows:

Race	Mexican American
Sex	Male
Height	5'7" - 5'8"
Weight	145 pounds
Inmate number	[redacted]

[redacted] is described as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'10" - 5'11"
Weight	165 - 170 lbs
Inmate number	in [redacted] series.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] often talked about [redacted]

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Seattle has requested that physical and background data be obtained through Illinois State Prison System.

On 12/31/81, Stateville at Joliet, Illinois, was contacted and advised that [] prison records are maintained at Springfield, Illinois.

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In view of the above, Chicago is considering this matter RUC.

LEADS

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Will review prison records for [] and furnish physical and background data to Seattle.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)(P)

Date 1/23/82

From : SA [redacted]

Subject : NORJAK(A)
OO: Seattle

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RE: Suspect Dr. JAMES A. ROMAN (deceased)

Re Seattle memo of SA [redacted] 11/18/81.

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On 12/16/81, [redacted] Office of Special Investigations, Department of Social and Health Services, 500 W. 8th Street, Vancouver, Washington, advised he would attempt to obtain a photograph and/or description of Dr. James A. Roman.

On 12/30/81, contact was attempted with [redacted] supra, with negative results as he was not available.

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On 1/19/82, [redacted] supra, advised he had not yet been successful in locating a photograph of Dr. Roman or in obtaining a complete physical description of him. He said he anticipated receiving this information within a short period of time at which time he would furnish it to the Vancouver Resident Agency Office of the FBI.

LEAD

SEATTLE AT VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

Will maintain contact with [redacted] Office of Special Investigations, 500 W. 8th Street, Vancouver, for information of value concerning a description and photograph of Dr. Roman.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)(P)

Date 1/23/82

From : SA [REDACTED]

Subject : NORJAK(A)
OO: Seattle

RE: Suspect Dr. JAMES A. ROMAN (deceased)

Re Seattle memo of SA [REDACTED], 11/18/81.

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LEAD

SEATTLE AT VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)(P)

Date 1/23/82

From : SA [REDACTED]

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Subject : NORJAK(A)
OO: Seattle

RE: Suspect Dr. JAMES A. ROMAN (deceased)

Re Seattle memo of SA [REDACTED] 11/18/81.

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LEAD

SEATTLE AT VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

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CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 1/27/82

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
 FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164A-50) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJACK
 OO: SEATTLE SUSPECT: MELVIN COOPER

Re Sacramento airtel to Seattle, dated 1/5/82 and Seattle airtel to Sacramento, dated 1/19/82.

Enclosed for Los Angeles is one copy of Sacramento airtel dated 1/5/82 which contains information necessary to cover leads that are being set forth.

For the information of Seattle, recontact with [redacted] South Lake Tahoe, California determined that the Melvin Cooper she referred to, in 1971 would be approximately 45 years of age. She advised that she is attempting to ascertain his exact birth date.

For the information of Los Angeles it is noted that [redacted] in late December 1981 advised the Sacramento Office that Melvin Cooper, [redacted] had bragged to friends of hers whom she would not identify as being identical with subject of captioned case. She advised that Melvin Cooper was killed in a helicopter crash in the Santa Barbara, Los Angeles area approximately five or six months ago. At that time he was employed in a helicopter rescue company working in the Los Angeles or Santa Barbara area.

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Referenced airtel from Seattle requested Sacramento to conduct additional investigation to determine if Melvin Cooper could possibly be identical to captioned subject.

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LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES AND SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA; Will identify the crash of a helicopter approximately five or six months ago, thereafter determine if Melvin Cooper was employed in the rescue business and was involved in that particular crash. If Melvin Cooper identified conduct logical investigation to determine if he could possibly be involved in captioned matter.

SACRAMENTO

AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA; Will contact the U. S. Forest Service, Bakersfield, California in an effort to identify employment record for Melvin Cooper.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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Date 1/27/82

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 FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164A-50) (P)
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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

Date 2/3/82

From : SA [redacted]

Subject : NORJAK

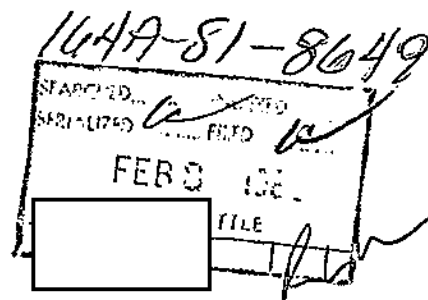
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known [redacted] for almost [redacted] years. [redacted] was shown the artist's
composite of Cooper, which he has seen numerous times in the past.
He said that this photograph does not in any way resemble [redacted]
[redacted] He added that even at the time of the Hijack, [redacted] in no
way resembled D. B. Cooper.

In view of this information, no further investigation
concerning [redacted] will be conducted at this time.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

Date 2/3/82

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject : NORJAK

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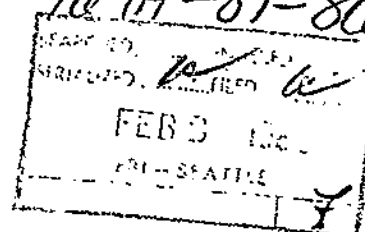
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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

Date 2/12/82

From : SA [redacted]

Subject : UNSUB, aka;
D. B. COOPER
NORJAK
CAA - HIJACKING

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Re Memo from SA [redacted] dated January 8, 1982.

On February 9, 1982, [redacted] KTNT Radio Station, 12th and Grant St., Tacoma, Washington, advised SA [redacted] of the Tacoma Resident Agency of the following:

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[redacted] advised that KTNT Radio Station formerly employed a [redacted]. In review of [redacted] personnel file at the Radio Station, it was noted that he signed his resignation letter, using the name [redacted]. [redacted] last day of employment at KTNT Radio Station was [redacted]. The file further reflects that [redacted] born on [redacted].

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[redacted] further advised that to his knowledge, [redacted] is currently employed at KSDO Radio Station, San Diego, California.

[redacted] was shown two composite photographs of D. B. Cooper and he said they in no way resemble [redacted]. He added that the eyes, nose and mouth in the composite do not look anything like [redacted].

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In view of [redacted] negative identification that [redacted] and Cooper could not be the same individual, further action is being left up to the discretion of the Seattle Division.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

Date 2/12/82

From : SA [redacted]

Subject : UNSUB, aka;
D. B. COOPER
NORJAK
CAA - HIJACKING

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paper, city and state.)Pg. B3, The Daily News
Longview, Wash.

Date: 2/10/82

Edition:

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Reward offered for D.B. Cooper

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — An attorney from Modesto, Calif., with a taste for adventure is launching a search for the body of 1971 skyjacker D.B. Cooper.

Richard Tosaw, 56, is offering a \$25,000 reward to anyone who can produce Cooper's remains. Tosaw will be in Vancouver on Thursday to begin organizing a search for the remains of the nation's most famous skyjacker.

The search is planned for area forests this summer.

Cooper parachuted from a Northwest Boeing 727 jetliner on Nov. 24, 1971, with \$200,000 he extorted from the airline.

The Californian has created Research Publishing Co. to market a book on his quest. The preferred title is, "I Found D.B. Cooper," but Tosaw said "My Search For D.B. Cooper" will have to do if his search is unsuccessful.

He has placed classified ads in Northwest newspapers reading: "\$25,000 reward for the finding and delivery to me of the hijacker D.B. Cooper, whether dead or alive, offer good until July 1, 1982."

Asked if he had \$25,000 in the bank to offer as a reward, Tosaw said, "I've got more than a million, actually."

The Modesto Bee newspaper confirmed Tosaw is a long-time attorney there and a one-time FBI agent, believed to have extensive real estate holdings.

Tosaw said he left the FBI in 1955 for law, but now has time to devote to mysteries like the Cooper case. "I've always been interested in things like that," he said. "Things like treasure hunting. I think most people are."

Tosaw said that news stories and a movie about Cooper, coinciding with the 10th anniversary of his jump, drew his interest. After preliminary research, he said, "I'm sure he (Cooper) died in the attempt" and thinks the body must be somewhere in the surrounding hills. "The odds are he's still there."

He has asked for the FBI file on Cooper.

Ralph Himmelsbach, the FBI agent who worked longest on the Cooper case and now retired, said in November he believes Cooper probably landed somewhere in the Washougal River basin. He speculates that a packet of the ransom money found in 1980 on a sandy beach west of Vancouver was probably washed down to the Columbia River in later spring floods.

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Date 2/11/82

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164A-497) (P) (C-1)
 SUBJECT: NORJACK
 OO: SEATTLE

Re Sacramento airtels to Seattle dated
 1/5-27/82.

Investigation regarding suspect Melvin Cooper.

The following investigation was conducted by
 Special Agent [redacted] at Santa Barbara, California,
 on 2/10/82:

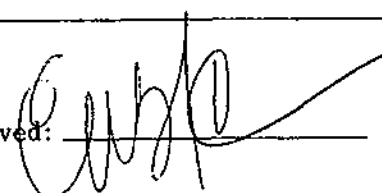
[redacted] Federal Aviation
 Administration (FAA), Santa Barbara Flight Service
 Station, 1503 Cecil Cook Place, advised that he was not
 aware of any helicopter crashes within the past year or
 more in the Santa Barbara area. [redacted] suggested contact
 be made with the FAA, General Aviation District Office,
 at Van Nuys Municipal Airport, Van Nuys, California,
 telephone number (213) 997-3191. [redacted] continued that
 any incident including crashes of any aircraft under FAA
 supervision that happened within the California, Nevada,
 or Arizona district, would be known to personnel at
 the district office.

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1-Sacramento (164A-50) (Info)

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LOS ANGELES

AT VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA: Will contact personnel at the General Aviation District Office, Van Nuys Airport and conduct appropriate investigation as requested in reference communications.

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PRECEDENCE:

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☐ Priority
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CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 2/11/82

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164A-497) (P) (C-1)
 SUBJECT: NORJACK
 OO: SEATTLE

Re Sacramento airtels to Seattle dated
 1/5-27/82.

Investigation regarding suspect Melvin Cooper.

The following investigation was conducted by
 Special Agent [redacted] at Santa Barbara, California,
 on 2/10/82:

[redacted] Federal Aviation
 Administration (FAA), Santa Barbara Flight Service
 Station, 1503 Cecil Cook Place, advised that he was not
 aware of any helicopter crashes within the past year or
 more in the Santa Barbara area. [redacted] suggested contact
 be made with the FAA, General Aviation District Office,
 at Van Nuys Municipal Airport, Van Nuys, California,
 telephone number (213) 997-3191. [redacted] continued that
 any incident including crashes of any aircraft under FAA
 supervision that happened within the California, Nevada,
 or Arizona district, would be known to personnel at
 the district office.

2-Los Angeles

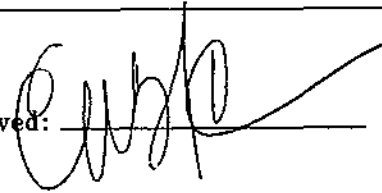
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1-Sacramento (164A-50) (Info)

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☐ Priority
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CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 2/22/82

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81-8601)
 FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (164A-91) (RUC)

NORJAK;
 CAA - HIJACK
 OO: SEATTLE

Re Seattle airtel to San Diego dated 12/15/81.

Re: William Clemens

Enclosed herewith for the Seattle Division is one (1) driver's license photograph for William Ivan Clemens (deceased) dated 12/2/76.

On 1/6/82, records of the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) disclosed a driver's license, number B2050929, for William Ivan Clemens, born 12/4/17, who as of 12/2/76 resided at 2452 Alto Cerro Circle, San Diego, California. the address referred to in referenced communication as belonging to William Clemens. [redacted] the Seattle Division [redacted] California, dated [redacted]

CLETS records further identified Clemens as a male, 6'1", 185 pounds, green eyes, brown hair. Records disclose that Clemens was deceased.

On the same date, San Diego indices, and records of San Diego Police Department and Sheriff's Department disclosed no arrest record for Clemens, no citations and no traffic convictions.

② - Seattle (Enc. 1) *RUC*
 1 - San Diego

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Comparison of the enclosed driver's license photograph does not disclose any marked resemblance to the artist's conception drawing of "D.B. Cooper".

On 1/25/82, [redacted] California, telephone number [redacted] was contacted relative to the information furnished in his letter to the Seattle Office referred to above. [redacted] stated that he was prompted to write the letter after viewing an "In Search Of" episode on television concerning "D.B. Cooper" in the captioned hijacking. In [redacted] estimation, the artist's conception drawing of "Cooper" reminded him of Clemens. He had no other reason than this believed resemblance to consider Clemens a suspect in the captioned matter, but believed that Clemens was a retired airline pilot, although he did not know for which airlines Clemens had flown. Clemens had never [redacted] of any paratrooper-type experience and was fairly tight-lipped regarding his personal life. [redacted] believed that this could be accounted for, possibly by the fact that Clemens was in apparently failing health due to a terminal disease resulting ultimately in his death.

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Other than the above, [redacted] was able to furnish no information other than that contained in his original letter, indicating any additional reason why Clemens should be considered a possible suspect in this case.

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The enclosed photograph is being forwarded to Seattle for possible display to witnesses in this matter. No further investigation regarding Clemens is contemplated at San Diego unless requested by Seattle.

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2/22/82

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81-8601)
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (164A-91) (RUC)

NORJAK;
CAA - HIJACK
OO: SEATTLE

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1 - San Diego

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TO: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (164A-642) (RUC) (SQ. 7)
NORJACK
CAA-HIJACKING
OO: ~~PORTLAND~~ SEATTLE

Re Columbus RA telephone call to Portland, dated 2/16/82.

On 2/16/82, [redacted] (protect identity by request), date of birth [redacted] address [redacted] Columbus, Georgia, telephone number [redacted] voluntarily appeared at the Columbus, Georgia, RA and furnished the following information concerning the possible identity of "D. B. Cooper":

In [redacted] the U. S. Army Disciplinary Barracks, Camp Gordon (Ft. Gordon), Georgia, he became acquainted with a [redacted] (first name unknown) U. S. Air Force, [redacted] the barracks [redacted]

[redacted] told him that [redacted]

[redacted] told him that [redacted]

He described [redacted] as a white male, in his early twenties, with slender build, medium complexion and thin facial features.

2-Portland (164-41)
1-Seattle (164A-81)
1-Atlanta (164A-642)
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*No further info
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AT 164-642

During their acquaintance for an [redacted]
[redacted] and prior to [redacted]

The aircraft apparently [redacted]
[redacted]

He never saw [redacted]
[redacted] and subsequently served several years at the
Georgia State Prison in Reidsville, Georgia, for [redacted]
While incarcerated at Reidsville in the early [redacted] he heard
and read about the hijacking involving "D. B. Cooper" and saw the
drawing of Cooper. He believed that [redacted] could be identical
with Cooper because [redacted] fit the description of the hijacker,
looked like the drawing and had discussed with [redacted]
[redacted] He noted that [redacted] had displayed an
extensive knowledge of aircraft, as well as parachuting. He
believed that [redacted] was capable of undertaking the Cooper
hijack scheme.

He added that [redacted] was well educated and had been
an [redacted] at the
Army Disciplinary Barracks, while he [redacted]

[redacted] said that his reason for reporting this information
to the FBI at this time was based solely on the possibility of
his receiving some sort of reward in the event [redacted] was
determined to be Cooper. He said he was specifically interested
in a one million dollar reward offered by Universal Studios in
California, at the time they were making a movie about Cooper.

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PORTLAND DIVISION

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

Will evaluate the above information and take whatever
action is deemed appropriate.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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AN 164A-227

DKC:blw

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The following investigation was conducted By SA

AT JUNEAU, ALASKA

[redacted] (Protect), [redacted] Douglas, Alaska, telephone number [redacted] appeared at the Juneau Resident Agency, FBI, Juneau, Alaska, and provided to SA [redacted] a list of names and addresses of individuals who are [redacted] of Juneau, Alaska. Also, at that time [redacted] provided two portions of snapshots showing photographic likeness of [redacted]

The following are the [redacted] names and addresses provided by [redacted]

- 1) [redacted]
Woodland, Washington
- 2) [redacted]
Woodland, Washington
- 3) [redacted]
Brush Prarie, Washington
- 4) [redacted]
Great Falls, Montana
- 5) [redacted]
Vancouver, Washington

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Vancouver, Washington

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Battleground, Washington

8)
Clatskanie, Oregon

9)
Lynden, Washington

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Date 3/4/82

To: ☐ Director

SE 164-81

Att.: _____

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☒ SAC SEATTLE

Title NORJACK

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OO: SEATTLE

☐ Supv. _____

☐ Agent _____

☐ SSS _____

☐ Rotor # _____

RE: _____

☐ M _____

Room _____

☐ Acknowledge

☐ For Information

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Assign ☐ Reassign

☐ Handle

☐ Return file ☐ serial

☐ Bring file

☐ Initial & return

☐ Call me

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with action taken

☐ Correct

☐ Open case

☐ Return with explanation

☐ Deadline _____

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Search and return

☐ Delinquent

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ See me

☐ Discontinue

☐ Recharge file ☐ serial ☐ Type

☐ Expedite

☐ File

☐ Send to _____

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Attached are original of FD-302 reflecting interview of [redacted] (protect) at Juneau, Alaska, on 1/26/82, and insert reflecting investigation conducted at Juneau by SA [redacted]
[redacted]

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Office Anchorage

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 2/2/82

[redacted] (Protect), [redacted] Douglas, Alaska, telephone number [redacted] voluntarily appeared at the Juneau Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Juneau, Alaska. After appropriate introductions and identification were made by SA [redacted] stated that she wished to voluntarily provide some information, which pertains to a hijacking of an aircraft in the Pacific Northwest, which resulted in an extensive search for an individual known as D.B. Cooper, and the money he obtained through the hijacking.

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[redacted] stated that the information she possesses pertains to [redacted] to whom [redacted] [redacted] stated that she has [redacted] and wishes now to provide some information she obtained [redacted]

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She stated that [redacted] he often [redacted] as to the above described hijacking, but at the time, she never really knew whether to believe him or not. She stated that [redacted] She stated because of [redacted] she is not convinced in her own mind that his [redacted] but she wished to notify the appropriate authorities of the information, so that they could evaluate it and she could feel as though her conscience was clear.

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[redacted] stated that she has lived in the Juneau, Alaska area for a number of years, and first met [redacted] when he came to Juneau, Alaska around [redacted] stated that [redacted] had come to Juneau, Alaska from Vancouver, Washington area. After meeting him, [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] wherein [redacted]

[redacted] provided the following physical description and background data on [redacted]

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Name
Aliases
Race

[redacted]
White

164A-227-8656

Investigation on 1/26/82 at Juneau, Alaska File # AN 164A-227

by SA [redacted] DKC:blw Date dictated 1/26/82

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Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Height	5'6 to 7" tall
Build	Medium
Hair	Light brown and graying (previously wore hair dyed dark brown or black)
Characteristics	Wears glasses and often mustache or beard
Former Residence	Vancouver, Washington
Present Residence	Juneau, Alaska (since 1974)
Military Service	U.S. Marine Corps, Discharged when [REDACTED]
Criminal History	[REDACTED]
Prison Sentences Served	Walla Walla, Washington Shelton, Washington
Occupation	[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that at some time she recalls [REDACTED] claiming he at one time had a private pilot's license, but had since given it up, or it had been taken away from him or something to that effect. She stated that he also often boasted of the fact that he had a very close friend, who was a police officer in Vancouver, Washington, and/or closely associated with the Vancouver Police Department, in Vancouver, Washington.

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[REDACTED] was asked to relate as specifically as she could, exactly what the [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the hijacker known as D.B.
Cooper, after the hijacking was accomplished. [REDACTED] also, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] from which D.B. Cooper was picked up.

[redacted] related how [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] but that more time had to pass. [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] stated that he, [redacted]
[redacted] but in that context
on [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] noted that
the [redacted] and the [redacted]
[redacted] however, she provided that [redacted]
interviewing agent. [redacted] stated that in [redacted]
[redacted] it is her impression that the [redacted]
[redacted] and possibly [redacted]
[redacted] stated that she comes to that conclusion
based on [redacted] She stated that
[redacted] never said that [redacted]
[redacted] She stated that on [redacted]
[redacted] on another occasion he might state
[redacted] and on a third and separate occasion,
he would indicate [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that another suspicious claim that [redacted]
[redacted] was that he would indicate that [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] In that connection,
he would tell [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] stated that to her knowledge, [redacted]
[redacted] She
did add however, that [redacted]
[redacted] but none [redacted]
[redacted] and/or any other
illegal act.

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[redacted] stated that she could not recommend anyone else be contacted to determine if [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that she did [redacted]

[redacted] She stated that the [redacted]

[redacted] so that it might be [redacted]

[redacted] stated that she [redacted] and provided it to the interviewing agent. Prior to giving the [redacted] to the interviewing agent. [redacted]

[redacted] The ones in the [redacted]

[redacted] In going through the [redacted] in which she made comments concerning that they may be of particular interest.

The following are the addresses and the comments:

- 1) [redacted]
Vancouver, Washington [redacted]
Telephone No. [redacted]

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[redacted] but believed to be a [redacted]

- 2) [redacted]
Vancouver, Washington
Telephone No. [redacted] or Area Code [redacted]
Believed to be a [redacted]

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[redacted]

Vancouver, Washington [redacted]

Telephone No. [redacted] or other number [redacted]

[redacted]

4)

[redacted]

Vancouver, Washington [redacted]

Telephone No. [redacted]

Recalls [redacted]

5)

[redacted]

Vancouver, Washington [redacted]

Telephone No. [redacted]

Recalls [redacted]

[redacted]

6)

[redacted]

[redacted] recalls [redacted]

[redacted]

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3/2/82

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]
FROM: LEGAT, [REDACTED] (P)

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[REDACTED] aka -

FUGITIVE;
STURGEON LAKE STATE BANK,
Sturgeon Lake, Minnesota,
11/22/74

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[REDACTED]
BR - CONSPIRACY;
BOND DEFAULT (A)
OO: MINNEAPOLIS

NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Enclosed for the Bureau, Minneapolis and Seattle
is one copy each of [REDACTED]

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Minneapolis note [REDACTED] request.

Information furnished by the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

7 - Bureau (Enc. 3)
(1 - Liaison Unit, INTD)
(2 - [REDACTED])
(2 - Seattle) (164A-81)

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2 - [REDACTED]
(1 - [REDACTED])
(1 - 164-47)

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RE:

- Retention For appropriate
- ☒ For information ☐ optional ☐ action ☐ Surep, by _____
- ☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.
- ☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

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3/2/82

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]
FROM: LEGAT, [REDACTED] (P)

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[REDACTED] aka -
FUGITIVE;
STURGEON LAKE STATE BANK,
Sturgeon Lake, Minnesota,
11/22/74

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[REDACTED]
RE - CONSPIRACY;
BOND DEFAULT (A)
OO: MINNEAPOLIS

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OO: SEATTLE

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Minneapolis note [REDACTED] request.

Information furnished by the [REDACTED]
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⑦ - Bureau (Enc. 3)
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(2 - [REDACTED])
(2 - Seattle) (164A-81)

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(1 - 164-47)

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Date 3/4/82

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, BOSTON (164A-153) (RUC)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 INFORMATION CONCERNING
 (OO: Seattle)

Re airtel from Bureau to SAC, 11/27/81.

On 12/16/81, an attempt to telephonically contact [] at telephone number [] met with negative results.

On 1/19/82, it was determined that [] works at the Cambridge, Ma., YMCA. An attempt to contact [] at the YMCA determined that he no longer works at that establishment.

On 1/21/82, another attempt to contact [] at telephone number [] produced a contact with a woman []. She advised that [] was temporarily unavailable but would call the agent in one-half hour. [] attempted to telephonically contact the agent 3 hours later, when the agent was not in the office.

On 2/22/82, an attempt to contact [] at his residence, [] Gloucester, determined that [] moved to [] Marlborough, Ma., telephone number [].

On 2/23/82, [] telephonically contacted the Lawrence Resident Agency of the FBI. He advised as follows:

② - Bureau
 1 - Boston
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1 - Seattle

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BS 164A-153

[redacted] stated that an individual by the name of [redacted] LNU, who was residing at a rooming house on, he believes [redacted] in Cambridge, Ma., showed him a letter addressed to [redacted] has no idea how [redacted] LNU came to possess letters addressed to [redacted]

Several letters from [redacted] had been written to such notables as, [redacted] The letters were basically inquiries about current events. The letters, which [redacted] LNU had, were replies to [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] LNU no longer resides at the boarding house. He does not know where [redacted] LNU has moved to. Furthermore, with the exception of a [redacted] there was nothing else to indicate [redacted] the D. B. Cooper that hijacked an airplane in 1971.

Boston is conducting no further investigation into this matter.

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☐ Facsimile
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Date 3/8/82

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164A-497) (C1) (RUC)
 RE: NORJACK
 OO: SEATTLE

Re Sacramento airtel to Seattle, 1/27/82; and Los Angeles airtel to Seattle, 2/11/82.

On 3/5/82, [REDACTED] Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), General Aviation District Office, Van Nuys, California, telephone 997-3191, was contacted. He advised that he reviewed his records, but could locate no record of a MELVIN COOPER being involved in any helicopter crash within the Santa Barbara - Los Angeles, California area during 1980 - 1981. He stated there were very few helicopter crashes during that period of time and he was familiar with them, and COOPER is unknown.

In view of the above, Los Angeles considering this matter RUC'd.

- ② - Seattle
 1 - Sacramento (164A-50) (Info)
 1 - Los Angeles

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*No further mention
 Cooper
 RUC
 3/23/82*

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Date 3/8/82

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164A-497) (C1) (RUC)
 RE: NORJACK
 OO: SEATTLE

Re Sacramento airtel to Seattle, 1/27/82; and Los Angeles airtel to Seattle, 2/11/82.

On 3/5/82, [REDACTED] Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), General Aviation District Office, Van Nuys, California, telephone 997-3191, was contacted. He advised that he reviewed his records, but could locate no record of a MELVIN COOPER being involved in any helicopter crash within the Santa Barbara - Los Angeles, California area during 1980 - 1981. He stated there were very few helicopter crashes during that period of time and he was familiar with them, and COOPER is unknown.

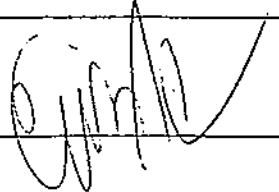
In view of the above, Los Angeles considering this matter RUC'd.

- ② - Seattle
 1 - Sacramento (164A-50) (Info)
 1 - Los Angeles


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DB Cooper-19171

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription March 12, 1982

[redacted]
[redacted] Carlyle, Illinois, was interviewed by [redacted]
[redacted] who identified himself as to his official identity.
[redacted] provided the following information:

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He recalled the D. B. Cooper hijacking because he owns land in Washington State and has made several trips to Washington. He recalls being neighbors with a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Agent assigned to the Alexandria, Louisiana Resident Agency named [redacted] (possibly retired).

[redacted] is described from observation and interview as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	[redacted]
Social Security	[redacted]
Account Number:	[redacted]
Height:	5'7"
Complexion:	Medium
Eyes:	Green

Investigation on 3/4/82 at Carlyle, Illinois File # SI 164A-95

by SA [redacted] /bbs Date dictated 3/8/82

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Investigation on 3/4/82 at Carlyle, Illinoisby SA [redacted] /bbs Date dictated 3/8/82

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Eyes:	Green

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Investigation on 3/4/82 at Carlyle, Illinois File # SI 164A-95
by SA [redacted] /bbs Date dictated 3/8/82

Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

Date 3/12/82

From : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (164A-95) (RUC)

Subject : NORJACK;
CAA - HIJACKING (A)
OO: Seattle

Enclosed for Seattle are the original and two copies of an FD-302 of [redacted] dated 3/4/82.

For information of office of origin, anonymous information received at Springfield Division indicated that [redacted] Carlyle, Illinois, bears a strong resemblance to newspaper photo of D.B. Cooper. Information also stated [redacted] is an ex-helicopter pilot.

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Contact and interview of [redacted] was conducted at Carlyle, Illinois, 3/4/82, as reflected in enclosed FD-302. Any additional leads are being left to the discretion of Seattle.

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Springfield placing this matter in an RUC status.

- ② - Seattle (164A-81) (Encls. 3) *Verd*
1 - Springfield (164A-95) *him*

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*Does not get physical
+ was in L.A. area
RUC
3/23/82*

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SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

3/12/82

SAC, SPRINGFIELD (164A-95) (RUC)

NORJACK;
CAA - HIJACKING (A)
OO: Seattle

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- ② - Seattle (164A-81) (Encls. 3)
1 - Springfield (164A-95)

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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
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Date 2/26/82

TO: SAC, Seattle (164A-81-8595)
 FROM: SAC, Springfield (164A-95) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK;
 CAA - HIGHJACKING (A)
 OO: Seattle

Re Chicago airtel to Springfield, 1/18/82.

For information of Seattle office, on 2/9/82, [redacted] Department of Corrections Microfilm Center, 200 West Washington Street, Springfield, Illinois, advised both [redacted] were incarcerated at Stateville Penitentiary in Joliet, Illinois, and that the records are maintained at the Microfilm Center. The following information was obtained from microfilm specimens on both subjects:

1. [redacted] is described as follows:

Race: Mexican/American
 Sex: Male
 Height: 5'8"
 Weight: 123 pounds
 Hair: Black
 Eyes: Brown
 Inmate Number: [redacted]

[redacted] was received at Stateville Penitentiary on [redacted] from Cook County for [redacted] was sentenced to [redacted] years for that offense. [redacted] is of Mexican background. Both of his parents [redacted] His father died in 1953. At the time of his arrest for [redacted] was living

- ② - Seattle (164A-81-8595)
- 2 - Springfield (164A-95)

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at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] has been convicted in the past of [redacted] FBI number is [redacted] is said to have three brothers by the names of [redacted] He has one sister named [redacted] All of their addresses are unknown. [redacted] also served one enlistment in the Illinois National Guard. Record reflects that [redacted] is of no particular religion and has four years of high school. In [redacted] middle name and maiden name unknown, in Chicago and has one son, [redacted] Their residence is unknown

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2. [redacted] is described as follows:

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Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	154 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Dark blue
DOB:	[redacted]
Occupation:	[redacted]
Inmate Number:	[redacted]

The Department of Corrections Microfilm Center, Springfield, had only very sketchy information on [redacted] According to Microfilm records, [redacted] was convicted of [redacted] He was sentenced to Stateville Penitentiary in Joliet to [redacted] on [redacted] A short time later, he was transferred to Pontiac Prison, Pontiac, Illinois. Microfilm records contained no familiar background, associates, or interests. [redacted] was discharged from Pontiac Prison [redacted] Springfield investigation continuing.

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2/26/82

TO: SAC, Seattle (164A-81-8595)
FROM: SAC, Springfield (164A-95) (P)
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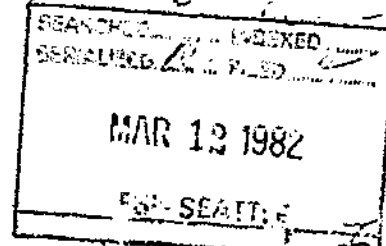
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- 2 - Springfield (164A-95)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]
FROM: LOMA, [REDACTED] (DUC)

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[REDACTED] aka -

NEGATIVE;
SULLYCH LANE STATE CAMP,
Sturgeon Lake, Minnesota,
11/22/74

[REDACTED]

IS - CO WHISKY;
LOBO DEANER (A)
CO: MINNEAPOLIS

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RE: [REDACTED]
CO: STATION

Enclosed for the Bureau, Minneapolis and Seattle
in one copy each of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] with attachment from [REDACTED] dated
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Information furnished by the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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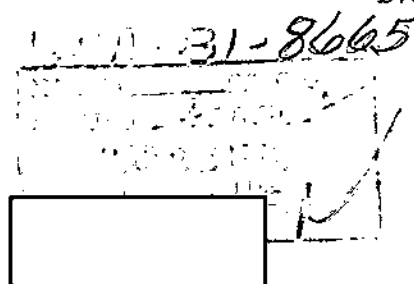
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(2 - [REDACTED])
(2 - Seattle) (100A-41)

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RE: [REDACTED]
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3/19/82

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RE:

NORJAK

OO: SEATTLE

☒ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____.

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3/12/82

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]
FROM: LEGAT, [REDACTED] (RUC)

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[REDACTED] aka -
FUGITIVE;
STURGEON LAKE STATE BANK,
Sturgeon Lake, Minnesota,
11/22/74

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[REDACTED]
RE - CONSPIRACY;
BOND DEFAULT (A)
OO: MINNEAPOLIS

MORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Enclosed for the Bureau, Minneapolis and Seattle
is one copy each of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] with attachment from [REDACTED] dated
[REDACTED]

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Information furnished by the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Memorandum



INSTRUCTION: Form may be completed in legible hand printing.

To : SAC, HOUSTON

Date 3/22/82

From : SAC, Denver [redacted]

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[redacted]

AMEXCO FILE # [redacted]

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- RE: ☐ MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF AMEXCO MONEY ORDER(S)
☐ RAISED AMEXCO MONEY ORDER(S)
☐ COUNTERFEIT MONEY ORDER(S)
☒ THEFT OF AMEXCO MONEY ORDER(S)

YOUR OFFICE SHOULD INSURE THAT ANY INVESTIGATION INSTITUTED UPON RECEIPT OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS IN CONFORMANCE WITH BUREAU USE OF PERSONNEL AND QUALITY VS. QUANTITY POLICY, AND EXISTING PROSECUTIVE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY YOUR U. S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

Enclosures were furnished on 3/22/82 by [redacted]

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Fraud Prevention Supervisor, American Express Company, (AMEXCO), Money Order Division, Englewood, Colorado, who advised that AMEXCO Money Orders

☒ Printed in the amount of \$ 900 each; by
☐ Taken in ☐ armed robbery, ☐ burglary, ☐ sneak theft or ☐ mysteriously disappeared from Houston 1st American Savings, 6201 Kirby, Houston, TX, who accepted a check on an account which was closed.

☐ Sent via first class mail to _____ The money orders were never received.

- ☒ There is a potential loss of \$ 2,000
☐ Purchased in a small amount and raised to a larger amount.
☐ A checkwriter, Brand Name _____, Model # _____, Serial Number _____, was also stolen.

- ☒ Insure checkwriter and money orders are entered into NCIC when applicable.
☐ This incident was reported to the police.

☒ The money order(s) was/were negotiated and submitted through normal banking channels to AMEXCO, Englewood, for payment and returned as stolen/raised to place of negotiation as shown on enclosed Transit Collection Letter(s) worksheet(s).

☒ Investigation to be conducted is being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin, and leads to auxiliary offices are to be set out by the Office of Origin and will not be dictated by the Denver Office.

② Houston
 1 - Denver
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(Enc. 3) (RM)

DB Cooper-19195

Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

Date 3/24/82

From: *[Signature]* SAC, DENVER (164A-640) (RUC)

Subject: NORJAK
CAA - HIJACKING
OO: SEATTLE

Re Seattle letter to Denver, dated 11/6/81.

Enclosed is one copy each of American Express Company (AMEXCO) T. I. D. Number [redacted] AMEXCO Money Order Number [redacted] The First National Bank of Denver Transit Collection Letter Number TC [redacted] and Denver letter to Houston, dated 3/22/82, captioned "Unsub, aka [redacted] AMEXCO File [redacted] ITSP: 00: Houston".

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The following information was furnished on 3/22/82 by [redacted] AMEXCO, Money Order Division, Englewood, Colorado:

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On 12/8/81, personnel at the Houston 1st American Savings, 6201 Kirby, Houston, Texas, printed AMEXCO Money Orders [redacted] in the amount of \$900 each. The customer paid for these items with a check on an account which was closed.

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The original AMEXCO Money Order [redacted] was negotiated and submitted through normal banking channels to AMEXCO, Englewood, Colorado, for payment. On 3/3/82, AMEXCO officials returned the original money order to Houston National Bank, P. O. Box 299001, Houston, Texas.

On 3/22/82, [redacted] made available copies of the AMEXCO T. I. D.; the money order, and the Transit Collection Letter; and on 3/22/82, the Denver FBI Office disseminated this information to Houston by Denver letter dated 3/22/82, a copy of which is enclosed.

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Seattle is requested to review the money order inasmuch as the sender of this money order is indicated to be a [redacted] city and state unknown.

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Investigation to be conducted is being left to the discretion of Seattle, office of origin.

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no more action to be considered per [redacted] just an Name

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

Date 3/24/82

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Subject : NORJAK
CAA - HIJACKING
OO: SEATTLE

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Investigation to be conducted is being left to the discretion of Seattle, office of origin.

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☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
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Date 3/26/82

TO: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50)
 FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)
 NORJAK
 OO: SEATTLE

Re Sacramento airtel to Seattle, January 5, 1982;
 Seattle airtel to Sacramento, January 19, 1982; and Los Angeles
 airtels to Seattle February 11, 1982, and March 8, 1982.

Sacramento Division should conduct no further
 investigation on Melvin Cooper as he does not appear identical
 to the unknown subject in this matter based on the information
 in referenced Los Angeles airtels.

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☒ AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
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Date 3/26/82

TO: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)
NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate☐ Priority☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET☐ SECRET☐ CONFIDENTIAL☐ UNCLAS E F T O☐ UNCLAS

Date 3/26/82

TO: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

NORJAK

OO: SEATTLE

Re Portland airtel to Seattle, December 23, 1981.

In view of information reflected in Detroit airtel to Portland, November 5, 1981, no further investigation should be conducted by Portland in regards to

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② - Seattle

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- ☐ TOP SECRET
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Date 3/26/82

TO: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)
NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Re Portland airtel to Seattle, December 23, 1981.

In view of information reflected in Detroit airtel to Portland, November 5, 1981, no further investigation should be conducted by Portland in regards to [redacted]

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2 - Seattle
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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

Date 3/26/82

From : SA [REDACTED]

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Subject : NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Re Los Angeles airtel to Seattle, September 17, 1981.

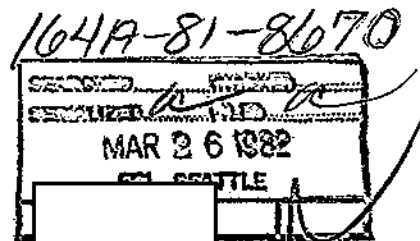
Based on information furnished from Los Angeles by referenced airtel and based on the interview of [REDACTED] by the Sacramento Division, it does not appear [REDACTED] is identical to the unknown subject.

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

Date 3/26/82

From : SA [REDACTED]

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Subject : NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Re Los Angeles airtel to Seattle, September 17, 1981.

Based on information furnished from Los Angeles by referenced airtel and based on the interview of [REDACTED] by the Sacramento Division, it does not appear [REDACTED] is identical to the unknown subject.

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

RLM:lah
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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
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CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 11/5/81

TO : SAC, PORTLAND
 FROM: SAC, DETROIT (164A-115) (RUC) (C-4)
 NORJAK - 164-41 12-71
 CAA
 (OO: PORTLAND)

Re Detroit airtel to Portland, 8/12/80.

Enclosed for Portland are two copies of an FD-302 regarding interview of [redacted] four copies of a photograph of [redacted] two copies of a memo of SA [redacted] dated 9/25/81; and two copies of a memo of SA [redacted] dated 9/25/81.

It is noted that the photographs were obtained by SA [redacted] from GM-Hydromatic Plant at Willow Run and were taken in 1976.

Repeated contacts with [redacted] indicate [redacted] has never said any more about being "D.B. COOPER" since his first comments about one year ago.

All indications are that [redacted] is fully qualified in every aspect of parachute jumping, packing, etc.; however, since he is 6'2" tall while D.B. COOPER is described as only 5'10", any further leads are being left to the discretion of the OO.

② - Portland (Enc.-10) *WJ*
 1 - Detroit
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CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 11/5/81

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FM DETROIT (154-115) (RUC) (C-4)

TO DIRECTOR (154A-2111) (ROUTINE)

WASHINGTON FIELD (ROUTINE)

PORTLAND (ROUTINE)

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NOBJAV (4), OO:PORTLAND

FOR INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, ON NOVEMBER 12, 1981,

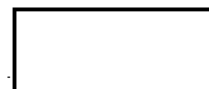
[REDACTED] TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN,
APPEARED AT THE TRAVERSE CITY RESIDENT AGENCY AT WHICH TIME
SHE ADVISED THAT SHE HAS INFORMATION REGARDING CAPTIONED
MATTER AND INVOLVING D. B. COOPER, THE NAMED USED BY SUSPECT
IN INSTANT MATTER. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE MATTER HAS BEEN
BOTHERING HER FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND THAT SHE AND HER HUSBAND
FINALLY DECIDED THAT IT SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION
OF APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES. [REDACTED] WENT ON TO STATE THAT
SHE PREVIOUSLY WORKED FOR THE [REDACTED]

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AND THAT SHE NOW WORKS FOR A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MICHIGAN. SHE ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] IS
CURRENTLY [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND THAT SHE WORKED WITH AN
INDIVIDUAL BY THE NAME OF [REDACTED] SHE STATED THAT [REDACTED]
FITS THE COMPOSITE DRAWING OF SUSPECT D.B. COOPER AND THAT
HE IS REPORTEDLY A FORMER MARINE PARATROOPER. SHE STATED
THAT IT HAS BEEN SEVERAL YEARS SINCE SHE HAS SEEN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HOWEVER, FEELS THAT THE FACT THAT HE WORKS FOR THE
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND IS A FORMER MARINE PARATROOPER
AND LOOKS LIKE THE COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH SHE FELT THAT SHE
SHOULD BRING IT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE FBI. [REDACTED] STATED
THAT [REDACTED] IS OF MEXICAN AMERICAN DESCENT AND IS APPROXIMATELY
5'8" TALL WITH BROWN HAIR AND MEDIUM BUILD. SHE STATED THAT
HE HAS A HIGH FOREHEAD AND/OR RECEIVING HAIRLINE.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT SHE DOES NOT KNOW WHERE [REDACTED]
IS CURRENTLY WORKING, HOWEVER, SHE BELIEVES THAT HE IS STILL
EMPLOYED BY THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION. SHE FURTHER
ADVISED THAT SHE DOES NOT KNOW THE MIDDLE OF [REDACTED]

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NOR DOES SHE KNOW IF THE INITIALS HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANCE.

[] STATED THAT HER HUSBAND TOLD HER THAT HE BELIEVES THAT [] IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION.

[] STATED THAT SHE AND HER HUSBAND DESIRE TO HAVE THEIR IDENTITY PROTECTED IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT []

[] AND MAY EXPERIENCE RIDICULE AND/OR RETALIATION IF [] IS NOT IDENTIFIABLE WITH COOPER.

LEADS: WASHINGTON FIELD AT WASHINGTON, D.C.: WILL CONTACT FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF [] IS STILL EMPLOYED BY THAT AGENCY AND THEREAFTER, LOCATE AND CONDUCT "LOOK A LIKE" INVESTIGATION.

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TO DIRECTOR (154A-2111) (ROUTINE)

WASHINGTON FIELD (ROUTINE)

PORTLAND (ROUTINE)

BT

UNCLAS E F T O

NORJAN (A), OO:PORTLAND

FOR INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, ON NOVEMBER 12, 1981,

[REDACTED] TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN,

APPEARED AT THE TRAVERSE CITY RESIDENT AGENCY AT WHICH TIME SHE ADVISED THAT SHE HAS INFORMATION REGARDING CAPTIONED MATTER AND INVOLVING D. B. COOPER, THE NAMED USED BY SUSPECT IN INSTANT MATTER. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE MATTER HAS BEEN BOTHERING HER FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND THAT SHE AND HER HUSBAND FINALLY DECIDED THAT IT SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES. [REDACTED] WENT ON TO STATE THAT SHE PREVIOUSLY WORKED FOR THE [REDACTED]

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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
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Date 12/23/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
 FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
 (OO: Portland)

Re Detroit teletype to the Bureau, 11/13/81; and Detroit airtel to Portland, 11/5/81.

Enclosed for Seattle are two copies each of referenced communications and two copies of a photograph of [REDACTED]

Copies of enclosed communication and photograph of [REDACTED] furnished to Seattle for evaluation.

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12/23/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
(OO: Portland)

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② - Seattle (Enc. 6)
2 - Portland

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DB Cooper-19213

FBI

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PRECEDENCE:

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CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 3/30/82

TO: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (164A-95)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

NORJAK

OO: SEATTLE

Re Springfield airtel to Seattle, dated February 25,
1982.

It does not appear from physical description and
age of [redacted] that either is responsible
for Norjak.

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② - Seattle
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PRECEDENCE:

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☐ Priority
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Date 3/30/82

TO: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (164A-95)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

NORJAK

OO: SEATTLE

Re Springfield airtel to Seattle, dated February 25,
1982.

It does not appear from physical description and and
age of Daniel [redacted] that either is responsible
for Norjak.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - Springfield
(2) - Seattle
RLM:lah
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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

Date 3/26/82

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SAC, SACRAMENTO (164A-50) (RUC)

Subject : NORJACK
OO: SEATTLE

SUSPECT: Melvin Cooper

Re Sacramento airtel to Seattle dated 1/27/82.

On 3/15/82, [redacted] U.S. Forest Service, Bakersfield, California, advised that his records have no reference to anyone by the name of Melvin Cooper having ever been assigned to the U.S. Forest Service in Bakersfield. He noted that this office covers the Sequoia National Forest from Tehachapi to Fresno, California. He advised that the name is completely unfamiliar with him even as a possible sound alike employee of the U.S. Forest Service.

[redacted] also advised that he cannot recall any helicopter crash within the past 5 years within this area.

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SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

3/26/82

SAC, SACRAMENTO (164A-50) (RUC)

NORJACK
OO: SEATTLE

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)(P)

Date 3/28/82

From : SA [redacted]

Subject : NORJAK
OO: Seattle

RE: Suspect Dr. JAMES A. ROMAN (deceased)

Re Seattle memo of SA [redacted] 1/23/82.

On 2/12/82, [redacted] Office of Special Investigations, Department of Social and Health Services, 500 W. 8th Street, Vancouver, Wash. advised he was continuing in his search for a photograph of Dr. James A. Roman but, as of yet, was not successful in his attempts. He said that when he located a photograph, he would provide to the Vancouver Office of the FBI.

On 3/8/82, contact was attempted with [redacted] supra, with negative results as he was not available.

On 3/11/82, [redacted] supra, advised he still could not locate a photograph of Dr. Roman.

On 3/18/82, [redacted] supra, advised [redacted] [redacted] could be contacted by the FBI. He indicated she [redacted] of Roman or at least could provide a detailed description of him. She resides, according to [redacted] in Vancouver and works at the Department of Social and Health Services, also in Vancouver.

LEAD

SEATTLE AT VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

Will contact [redacted] Dept. of Social and Health Services, Vancouver, or at [redacted] Vancouver, and [redacted] James A. Roman or a detailed description of him so that this matter can be resolved.

3 - Seattle

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)(P)

Date 3/28/82

From : SA [redacted]

Subject : NORJAK
OO: Seattle

RE: Suspect Dr. JAMES A. ROMAN (deceased)

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LEAD

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3 - Seattle

JTG/jg

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Ld at Vancouver
to [redacted]

C/A [redacted]

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)(P)

Date 3/28/82

From : SA [REDACTED]

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Subject : NORJAK
OO: Seattle

RE: Suspect Dr. JAMES A. ROMAN (deceased)

Re Seattle memo of SA [REDACTED] 1/23/82.

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LEAD

SEATTLE AT VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

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LAW OFFICES OF

ATTORNEY AT LAW

March 30, 1982

CERES, CALIFORNIA

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

re: D.B. Cooper hijacking

Dear Sir:

I am the attorney for

The [redacted] was
part of the [redacted] by the Northwest Airlines in the
D.B. Cooper hijacking case.

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I am writing to Northwest
Airlines and their insurance carrier, Royal Globe
Insurance, asking if they will consent [redacted]
[redacted] If they consent,
would your bureau [redacted] It would
not be needed to prove anything, would it? If so, we
could wait until you no longer needed it.

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I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.
Please advise.

Very truly yours,

RTT:bh

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DB Cooper-19221

April 12, 1982

[redacted] Esq.
[redacted]
Ceres, California [redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Your March 30th letter on behalf of [redacted]

[redacted] has been referred to me for a response. We are making appropriate contacts with regard to your request and will be back in touch with you.

Sincerely yours,

Charles P. Monroe
Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division

(1 - Seattle (164-81) - Enclosure
Attention SAC: ReBucal 4/5/82 and Seattlecal 4/6/82.
The appropriate United States Attorney should be contacted regarding [redacted] request and encouraged to contact the Department to ascertain position of the Department in view of national interest in case. Submit results of these contacts as soon as possible in order that an appropriate response can be directed to [redacted]

164-81-3678

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PRECEDENCE:

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☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
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Date 4/26/82

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)
 NORJAK
 OO: SEATTLE

For the information of the Bureau, on 4/20/82, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Chief Criminal Attorney, United States Attorney's Office, Seattle, Washington, was contacted in regards to the letter of Attorney [redacted] wherein [redacted] was inquiring about [redacted] which was taken by the unknown subject in this matter and [redacted]
 [redacted]

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AUSA [redacted] advised that inasmuch as this matter is not completely adjudicated that the money recovered is evidence and is also stolen property and in the event the case is adjudicated, the money would be returned to the rightful owner, either the bonding company or Northwest Orient Airlines. He said [redacted] would have to contact the rightful owner of the money following the adjudication of the case in an effort to return the money.

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CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 4/26/82

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)
 NORJAK
 OO: SEATTLE

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164A-81-8679

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DB Cooper-19224

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)
Pg. 14, The Columbian
Vancouver, Wash.

Date: 5/13/82

Edition:

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Classification: SE164A-81

Submitting Office: SE

Five riders find bag, bones near Proebstel

Bones, a black and red bag and a torn \$1 bill were found by five persons riding horses on Green Mountain Tuesday.

The bones included rib and spinal bones, but no skull. The Proebstel-area couple who reported the find to the Clark County Sheriff's Office could not tell if the bones were that of a human. Deputies were being led to the spot on horseback today.

The bag was found about 100 yards from the bones, one of the riders said. Something was written on it, but she did not remember what.

She found the \$1 bill, torn in four equal pieces, shortly before coming on the bones, she said.

Three other persons were on the ride when the bones were spotted in the Proebstel area near Green Mountain, about 10 miles east of Vancouver.

Another rider said the bag looked like an airline bag. It had the name of an airline written on it, but he could not recall which, he said.

The possibility was raised that the bones could be those of the elusive "D.B. Cooper," who hijacked a Northwest Orient Airlines jet in Seattle Nov. 24, 1971. He parachuted out with \$200,000 somewhere over Southwest Washington. He carried a small briefcase or attache case.

The money consisted of 10,000 \$20 bills wrapped in a parachute canopy.

The Vancouver FBI agent in charge, John Gordon, said the skimpy information was not enough for him to tell whether his agency is interested in the bones. He said he was keeping in touch with the sheriff's office regarding the case and would wait to see what else deputies turned up today.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)(P)

Date 5/14/82

From : SA [redacted]

Subject : NORJAK
OO: Seattle

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On 5/13/82, [redacted] Clark County Sheriff's Office, Vancouver, Wash., advised deputies would be going to the scene where the find was made and all information obtained would be provided to the FBI.

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SEATTLE AT VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

Will maintain contact with [redacted] Clark County Sheriff's Office, Vancouver, concerning investigation into this matter.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)(P)

Date 5/14/82

From : SA [redacted]

Subject : NORJAK
OO: Seattle

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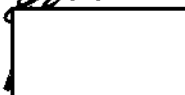
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May 19, 1982

[redacted] Esq.
[redacted]
Ceres, California [redacted]

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Dear [redacted]

This is a follow-up to Assistant Director Monroe's April 12th letter to you concerning your inquiry on behalf of [redacted] who are putting in [redacted]
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A check was made with the United States Attorney's Office in Seattle, Washington, regarding the money in question. This money, which is stolen property, is considered evidence in this case which has not been completely adjudicated in the courts; however, at the time it is, the money will be returned to the rightful owner, either the bonding company or the Northwest Orient Airlines. You may wish to consider contacting the company to which it is awarded after the matter has been adjudicated to see if it would be willing to return the money to your clients' [redacted]

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I hope this information will be of assistance to you. If additional questions arise, you may wish to write directly to the United States Attorney, Gene S. Anderson, Western District of Washington, Tenth Floor, United States Courthouse, Seattle, Washington 98104.

Sincerely yours,

Oliver B. Revell
Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

Date 5/25/82

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject : NORJAK
OO: Seattle

RE: Suspect Dr. JAMES A. ROMAN(deceased)

Re Seattle memo of SA [redacted] 3/28/82.

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On 4/13/82 and 4/21/82, [redacted], Office of Special Investigations, Department of Social and Health Services, 500 W. 8th Street, Vancouver, Wash. advised he had no new or pertinent information concerning Dr. ROMAN and had been unsuccessful in locating a photo of ROMAN.

On 5/20/82, contact was attempted with [redacted], supra, with negative results as he was not available.

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On 5/25/82, contact was made with [redacted] who was contacted at her place of employment, Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Social and Health Services, Vancouver, Wash., advised she had been [redacted] and recalled that the D.B. Cooper hi-jacking took place the night before Thanksgiving of that year. She stated [redacted] at least a portion of time between 3:00 pm and 10:00 pm the day before Thanksgiving. She advised ROMAN did not smoke in 1971, had no parachuting experience to her knowledge, and made no flights between Portland and Seattle to her knowledge.

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[redacted] indicated ROMAN was born Oct. 9, 1927. After viewing the artist's conceptions of D.B. Cooper, she stated ROMAN looked nothing like the conceptions.

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[redacted] said she had no reason to protect ROMAN inasmuch as [redacted] by virtue of him killing his present wife and then committing suicide. She said that if she had any information relative to ROMAN's involvement with the D.B. Cooper hi-jacking, she would provide it to the FBI.

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Based on the above information, it is suggested that Dr. JAMES A. ROMAN no longer be considered a suspect in this matter.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA

AT JUNEAU, ALASKA

[redacted] (Protect) [redacted] Douglas, Alaska, telephone number [redacted] appeared at the Juneau Resident Agency, FBI, Juneau, Alaska, and provided to SA [redacted] a list of names and addresses of individuals who are [redacted] of Juneau, Alaska. Also, at that time [redacted] provided two portions of snapshots showing photographic likeness of [redacted]

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Woodland, Washington
- 2) [redacted]
Woodland, Washington
- 3) [redacted]
Brush Prairie, Washington
- 4) [redacted]
Great Falls, Montana
- 5) [redacted]
Vancouver, Washington

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Brush Prairie, Washington
- 4) [redacted]
Great Falls, Montana
- 5) [redacted]
Vancouver, Washington

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 2/2/82

[redacted] (Protect) [redacted] Douglas, Alaska, telephone number [redacted] voluntarily appeared at the Juneau Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Juneau, Alaska. After appropriate introductions and identification were made by SA [redacted] stated that she wished to voluntarily provide some information, which pertains to a hijacking of an aircraft in the Pacific Northwest, which resulted in an extensive search for an individual known as D.B. Cooper, and the money he obtained through the hijacking.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] wherein [redacted]

[redacted] provided the following physical description and background data on [redacted]

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Name
Aliases
Race

[redacted]
White

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by SA [redacted] DKC:blw

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Race

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Investigation on 1/26/82 at Juneau, Alaska File # AN 164A-227

by SA [redacted] DKC:blw Date dictated 1/26/82

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FBI

TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
☐ Facsimile
☒ AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
☐ UNCLAS E F T O
☐ UNCLAS

Date 2/5/82

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 (ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, ANCHORAGE (164A-227) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJACK

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory is one [redacted]
 [redacted]

Also, enclosed for Portland are the following items:

1) The original and one copy of an FD-302 containing the interview of [redacted] at Juneau, Alaska.

2) The original and one copy of an Investigative Insert containing additional information provided by [redacted] at Juneau, Alaska.

3) Two snapshot photographs of [redacted]

4) [redacted]
 [redacted]

For information of the Laboratory and Portland, [redacted] (Protect Identity), who requested that her identity as the source of this information be protected, advised on 1/26/82,

3 - Bureau (Encs. 1)
 ② - Portland (Encs. 7)
 1 - Anchorage
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that she was [redacted] and had just [redacted] stated that [redacted] about the captioned matter, and she now wished to [redacted] to authorities. At the outset, [redacted] wanted it known that [redacted] so she was not convinced in her own mind that what he claimed in regard to Norjack was the truth. In spite of that uncertainty on her part, she wished to relay the information to the proper authorities, so that they could evaluate the truth of [redacted] and she could consider her conscience as clear.

In brief, [redacted] in the past has claimed the following:

1) He claims to have [redacted] "D.B. Cooper" after the hijacking was completed.

2) He [redacted]

3) He [redacted] but the passage of more time was necessary before he could do so.

4) He [redacted]

5) He [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] stated that in [redacted] she found a [redacted] This is the [redacted] which is enclosed for the FBI Laboratory.

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[] is described as follows:

Name	[]
Aka	[]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[]
Height	5'6 to 7" tall
Build	Medium
Hair	Light brown and graying (previously dyed dark brown or black)
Former Residence	Vancouver, Washington
Present Residence	Juneau, Alaska (Since 1974 to 1975)
Military Service	United States Marine Corps. discharged []

Criminal History

[]
(in Washington served prison time at
Walla Walla and Shelton, Washington)

For the information of Portland, [] expressed concern that if []
[] about this information, and the []
[] was related to []
the original source of that information. [] concern is being
relayed to Portland for their consideration in any follow up investigation.

REQUEST OF THE LABORATORY

The Laboratory is requested with the enclosed [] to
attempt to determine if any of the Serial Numbers on the \$20.00 bills
depicted can be obtained.

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If any serial numbers can be determined, follow appropriated procedures to ascertain if they are from the proceeds of Norjack, or any other crime where the serial numbers of currency is known.

Will compare any known fingerprints of [redacted] aka, [redacted] a white male, born [redacted] with any unidentified fingerprints obtained during the investigation of Norjack.

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Upon completion of the above requests, the Laboratory is requested to forward to the Portland office their findings, along with the [redacted] submitted for examination.

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PORTLAND DIVISION

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

Will evaluate the information provided by [redacted] and conduct any investigation deemed appropriate.

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TRANSMIT VIA:

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PRECEDENCE:

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☐ Priority
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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

Date 5/28/82

From : SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41) (P)

Subject : NORJACK
CAA - HIJACKING
(OO: Seattle)

Re Anchorage airtel to the Bureau, 2/3/82, Atlanta airtel to Portland, 2/24/82, and Atlanta letter to the Bureau, 3/3/82.

Enclosed are 2 copies each of referenced Anchorage airtel and Atlanta letter with respective enclosures.

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Further evaluation and action regarding [redacted] in captioned matter is being left to office of origin in view of [redacted] propensity for [redacted]

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A review of referenced Atlanta letter to the Bureau, reveals [redacted] developed as a suspect in captioned matter was employed by the Federal Aviation Administration assigned to Columbus, Ohio between [redacted] A review of [redacted] photograph fails to show sufficient similarities to justify an interview of [redacted]

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

Date 5/28/82

From : SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41)(P)

Subject : NORJACK
CAA - HIJACKING
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]
FROM: LEGAT, [REDACTED] (P)

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Sturgeon Lake, Minnesota,
11/22/74

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[REDACTED]
BE - CONSPIRACY;
BOND DEFAULT (A)
OO: MINNEAPOLIS

NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Enclosed for Minneapolis is the original [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] along with one
copy of [REDACTED] dated [REDACTED] Enclosed
for Seattle is one copy each of same.

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Information furnished by the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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6 - Bureau
(1 - Liaison Unit, INTD) (Direct)
(2 - [REDACTED] (Enc. 2)
(1 - Seattle) (164A-81) (Enc. 2) (Info.)
2 - [REDACTED]
(1 - [REDACTED]
(1 - 164-47)
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